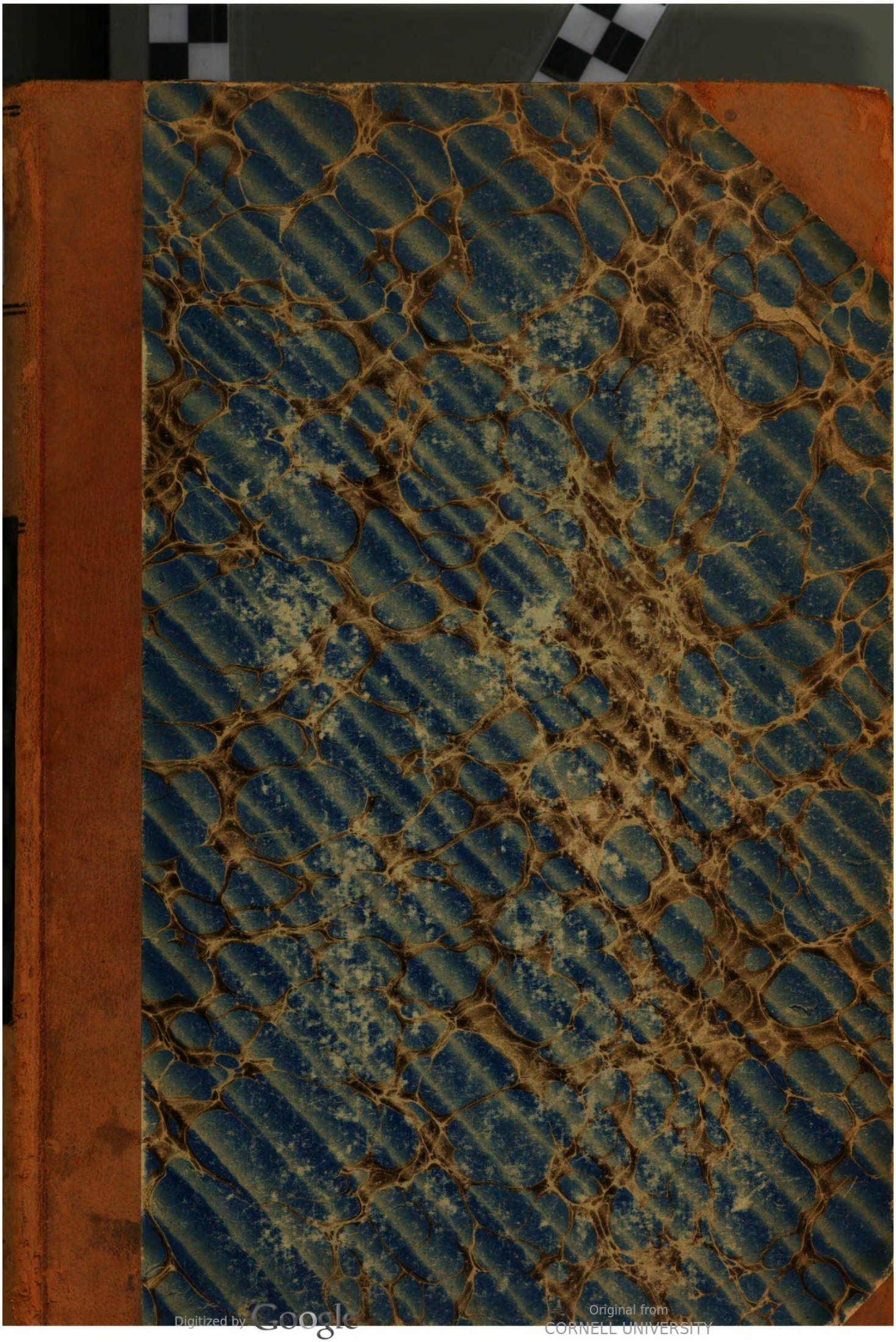
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CONVICTS' FOOD.

The Council is prepared to receive tenders for the supply and delivery at the Municipal Gaol of food for convicts during three months from February 1 to April 30 in the following quantities monthly:—

Vegetables	3,200 lbs.
Onions	1,500 ,,
Salt-fish	550 ,,
Beef	570 ,,
Pork	570 ,,
Salt	350 ,,
Bean oil	200 catties
Tea	38 ,,

Tenders in English or Chinese will be received by the undersigned not later than 4 o'clock p.m. on January 15, 1909, and should be marked "Tender for Convicts' Food."

The Council does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender, or to pay any expenses which the contractor may incur in tendering. The contractor whose tender is eventually accepted may be required to give satisfactory security for the due performance of the contract.

By order,

W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

Council Room.
Shanghai, January 7, 1909.

AT the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, December 23, 1908, at 4.30 p.m., there are present:

Messrs. D. Landale (*Chairman*)
A. W. Burkill
W. D. Little
H. A. J. Macray
R. S. F. McBain
J. H. McMichael
O. Meuser
W. A. C. Platt
J. Prentice
The Secretary and
Assistant Secretary.

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

The minutes of the last meeting are read, confirmed, signed by the Chairman and passed for publication.

Volunteers and Police.

A joint report by the Commandant (Colonel Watson) and the Captain-Superintendent is read, containing proposals as to the relative rank of officers, and their suggestions, upon the recommendation of the Watch Committee, are adopted. In accordance therewith:—

Cadets will rank with, but junior to, 2nd Lieutenants.

2nd Assistant Superintendents will rank with Lieutenants according to the length of their service in the Force.

Assistant Superintendents will rank with, but senior to, all Captains.

The Deputy Superintendent will rank as Major.

Inspectors will rank below Commissioned Officers.

Police.

Foreign Branch.—The following are appointed 3rd Class Constables being a draft of seven recruits engaged through the London Agents, who arrived on December 26 per str. Sunda:—

J. Adams
P. Curtin
T. Dunne
D. Grant
C. Powell
S. H. Rawlings
F. Shipley

Japanese Cotton Yarn Lottery.

A communication from the Mitsui Bussan Kaisha informs the Council that the Japan Cotton Spinners' Association has decided to discontinue the issue of lottery tickets with bales of yarn from and after December 31, a conclusion which is regarded as satisfactory.

Municipal Properties.

Hongkew Recreation Ground.—In connexion with the give-and-take arrangement concluded in 1904 with the Range Property Syndicate, details of which are contained on p. 250 of the Annual Report for that year, a request from the Syndicate is submitted for reimbursement of a sum of Tls. 1,100 expended in the removal of grave mounds and coffins from the land exchanged. The Council, while not admitting any liability in the matter, authorizes a contribution of one-half the above sum.

Road Extensions and Widenings.

Dalny and Wayside Roads.—The acquisition of a surplus strip of unregistered land east of Cadastral Lot 2277, measuring Mow 0.32, for Tls. 780, is noted, the remainder of the holding which is within the roadline and measures Mow 0.68 having been surrendered by the owner at the price fined under the Taotai's proclamation.

Myburgh Road.—Negotiations with Mr. W. M. Dowdall have been concluded for the surrender of the portion of Cadastral Lot 294 required for the extension of this road, in terms of the following correspondence:—

Public Works Department
Shanghai, August 28, 1908.

DEAR SIR,—I beg to hand you herewith plans showing in red the area required from B.C. Lots 627, 614, 2695 and 2508, for the purpose of the extension of the Myburgh Road. I shall be obliged if you will inform me upon what terms the owners would be prepared to surrender this land. I need hardly point out that the road deviation recently arranged is not that which would have been laid down under ordinary circumstances, but was accepted in the view that its position is calculated to interfere with existing buildings as little as possible. I may mention that the road surrenders from Cadastral Lots 300, 316, were effected without compensation.

Yours faithfully,

C. MAYNE,
Engineer & Surveyor.

W. SCOTT, Esq.

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Shanghai, November 18, 1908.

SIR,—With reference to your letter of August 28 to Mr. W. Scott I am prepared to surrender the Mow 0.311 required for widening Myburgh Road, provided that the road is made 30-ft. wide from Bubbling Well Road to Burkill Road, upon payment of its assessed value plus 10 per cent, the cost of taking down and rebuilding in the new position the end walls, the cost of removal of the houses standing on the land surrendered and the loss of rent of these houses while being erected on another site, as follows:—

	Tls.	Tls.
Mow 0.311 of land at Tls. 6,000 per mow.....	1.866	
For compulsory sale 10 per cent	187	
		2.053
Taking down and rebuilding the end walls of 3 rows of 1 storey and 1 row of 2-storied houses	210	
Restoring the parts disturbed of the remaining houses	80	
		290
Taking down and removing to another site 8 one-storey and 3 two-storied houses.	280	
Loss of 3 months rent on these 11 houses during removal and re-erection.	118	398
		Tls. 2.741

I am, Sir.
Your obedient servant,
W. M. DOWDALL.

W. E. LEVESON, Esq.,
Secretary, Municipal Council.

Council Room,
Shanghai, December 12, 1908.

SIR,—In reply to your letter of November 18, upon the subject of the extension of the Myburgh Road, and to the claim therein contained in respect to Cadastral lot 294, I am directed to point out that you have not taken into account the increase in value of the remainder of the property which will arise from the construction of the new road connexion.

In the case in point where access to the lot is at present by alleyway only, and where little more than half of the new road is taken therefrom, the Council considers that if payment is at the assessed value plus 10 per cent a deduction should be made of not less than one-third.

In support of this view I am directed to inform you that the surrenders from the adjoining lots, Nos. 300 and 306, were made without compensation, so necessary did the owners consider adequate access to be.

Under these circumstances, and admitting your claim for reinstatement and temporary loss of rental, I am directed to make a counter offer of Tls. 2,057 for the strip, and to express the hope that you may be willing to accept it.

The construction of this new section of the Myburgh Road, which will be 30 feet in width, cannot be guaranteed within any specific time, but the usual processes for land acquisition will be continuously applied until vehicular access is provided between the Burkill and Bubbling Well Roads.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

W. M. DOWDALL, Esq.

Shanghai, December 22, 1908.

SIR,—I am in receipt of your letter of the 12th respecting surrender of a strip of Cadastral Lot 297 to be thrown into the Myburgh Road extension, and I beg to state that I accept the Council's offer.

Kindly expedite the completion of this matter and the formation of the road, as it is impossible to keep the adjoining houses tenanted during these operations.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
W. M. DOWDALL.

W. E. LEVESON, Esq.,
Secretary, Municipal Council.

Council Room,
Shanghai, December 24, 1908.

SIR,—I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of December 22, and, in reply, to convey to you an expression of the Council's thanks for the arrangement therein concluded, viz., the surrender of Mow 0.311 ex Cadastral lot 294 for the extension of the Myburgh Road for the sum of Tls. 2,057.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

W. M. DOWDALL, Esq.

Gordon and Arcade Roads. An expression of the Council's thanks is directed to be conveyed to Mrs. McBain for her offer to surrender Mow 0.071 ex Cadastral Ld 2940 for the rounding of the corner of the above roads.

Contracts.

Failure to carry out the terms of the contract for raising new roads on the part of the Contractor, Zung Tsung-kee, whose tender was published with the minutes of April 29 is noted. In accordance with the Engineer's recommendation transference of the work to Zee Yung-cheng at a reduction of rate, in the Western District, from Tls. 1.18 to Tls. 1.15 per fong, is authorized.

Tenders.

In addition to the list of tenderers for the supply of coal for use in the Municipal Offices published with the minutes of December 16, the following was also received:—

The Mitsui Bishi Company, House Coal Tls. 11.06, Anthracite Tls. 15.75 per ton.

Cadastral Office.

The following correspondence is ordered for publication, for purposes of record:—

Council Room,
Shanghai, February 16, 1906.

SIR,—I have the honour to draw your attention to an arrangement made in 1900 between the Cadastral Body and the Council with regard to the registration of lots in the Settlement, whereunder central facilities were agreed to in relation to the work of the various Consular Land Offices and the then established Municipal Cadastral Office. Vide page 314 et seq. of the annual Municipal Report for that year.

The Council is informed that, doubtless as the result of oversight, the usual notifications of new French registered lots, or alterations of old lots, have so far not been furnished, and I have therefore the honour to request that you may be good enough to ensure that this work shall be punctually and effectively carried out in the future.

You will readily appreciate that the Municipal surveys will lack completeness, and that the Municipal revenue from land tax will suffer, so long as irregularities in this connexion are permitted, and the Council is assured that, so soon as your attention is drawn to the matter, the proper formalities will be observed.

In conclusion, I have the honour to request that you may be good enough to sanction the attendance of a member of the Municipal Staff at your Land Office (at such times as you may appoint) for the purpose of collecting information in respect to lots registered during the past five years.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,
F. ANDERSON,
Chairman

L. RATARD, Esq.,
Consul-General for France.

Council Room,
Shanghai, May 25, 1906.

SIR,—I have the honour to refer to the Council's letter to yourself of February 16 last on the subject of land lots in this Settlement registered in your Consulate-General, to which up to the present I have received no reply.

The proposal contained in the concluding paragraph of the Council's letter was made with a view to the correction of outstanding differences

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and omissions, and I venture to request that you may be good enough to give your assent thereto.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,
CECIL HOLLIDAY,
Chairman.

L. RATARD, Esq.,
Consul-General for France.

Council Room,
Shanghai July 10, 1906.

DEAR MONSIEUR RATARD,—Referring to our conversation of yesterday, I enclose (i) a copy of the existing Land Assessment schedules, and the plan accompanying them, which are to be revised and re-issued NEXT year, and (ii) a list showing all the French lots at present taxed. This list, the Council is aware, is very incomplete, and it is with a view to making the new edition of the schedule as thorough as it is possible, that the Council desires further information on the subject.

I enclose also (iii) a book of forms used by the various Consular Land Offices for the purpose of notifying the Council of all new lots or transfers of old lots.

I venture to hope that these documents will be sufficient to enable your Chancellerie to furnish the particulars which the Council requires, in accordance with your courteous promise.

Yours very truly,
W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

Council Room,
Shanghai October, 23, 1908.

SIR,—In the course of road-making operations during 1905 on the West Soochow Road, a projected extension following the bank of the Soochow creek, the Council accepted the usual native surrender and paid for a strip of land which now appears to form part of French Consular lot No. 204, in the ownership of Mr. L. Grenard. Registration was effected in August 1905, and, in the absence of the usual notification from your Land Office, the whole of the property has remained untaxed until the present date.

I have the honour to refer to the Council's letters to yourself of February 16 and May 25, 1906, which contained a request for regular adherence to the methods of procedure adopted by all Consular Land Offices in connexion with Municipal Cadastral work. You were good enough at that time to say that this procedure would be observed in the future, and it is the Council's earnest wish that the necessary information may now be communicated as to existing lots in the Foreign Settlement registered in French names, and in the future as to those hereafter so registered.

The Municipal Assessment Schedule issued for 1907 contains only seven French registered lots and, in enclosing a list of these, I venture to express the hope that you may be good enough to inform me of any necessary additions or amendments thereto.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,
DAVID LANDALE,
Chairman.

L. RATARD, Esq.,
Consul-General for France.

FRENCH REGISTERED LOTS IN THE FOREIGN SETTLEMENT.

Cadastral number.		Consular number.	Name.
241	Northern	166	Mailler, M. H.
690	,,	247	Seisson, A.
703	,,	55	Galles, J. G.
1427	Western	62	Robert, Rev. L.
3403	,,	Vol. V Fol. 80	Mandon, E. L.
3403	,,	Vol. VI Fol. 63	Davies, C. G. and Thomas, C. W.
3404	,,	Act XI Fol. 7	Davies, C. G. and Thomas, C. W.

Shanghai, October 23, 1908.

Telephone Service.

With reference to the correspondence on this subject, published with the the minutes of June 17, it is noted that the concurrence of the French Council to the agreement as modified has been delayed pending consideration by the French Consul-General; and that difficulties of a legal character have now necessitated arrangements whereby the two Councils shall make separate agreements with the Mutual Telephone Co., Ld., for the maintenance of the telephone service of each Settlement. The draft agreement will therefore be reprinted with the modifications necessary in the above sense, and forwarded for signature by the Company.

Land Commission.

A letter from the Commission forwards a copy of the reply sent to Mr. E. J. Hogg on the subject of the representation of owners by counsel. This letter and the Rules of Procedure therein enclosed, are ordered for inclusion in the minutes for general information:—

Shanghai, December 17, 1908.

SIR,—I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of November 23 since which date further letters dated 26th and 28th idem have been received from Mr. E. Jenner Hogg in continuation of that of November 9 published in the Municipal "Gazette" of 25th.

The whole correspondence has occupied the careful attention of the Land Commissioners whose views are embodied in my letter of this date addressed to Mr. Hogg and I would ask your kind reference to enclosed copy of the same and to the Rules of Procedure which the Land Commissioners have framed for the guidance of those desiring to appear before the Commission by a legal practitioner.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
F. ANDERSON,
Chairman,
Land Commissioners 1908/9.

The SECRETARY,
Shanghai Municipal Council.

Shanghai, December 17, 1908.

SIR,—A copy of your letter of November 9 was passed on to the Municipal Council and was published with the Secretary's reply of the 23rd idem in the Municipal "Gazette" of 25th.

I have now to acknowledge receipt of your letters of November 26 and 28 with enclosure from Messrs. David Sassoon & Co., Ld. and others.

The whole correspondence has been very carefully considered by the Land Commissioners and in reply I beg to say:

The Land Commission is a Court of Arbitration deriving its powers from Land Regulation VIA. It is laid down in that Regulation that before giving their award, it is incumbent upon the Land Commissioners to "hear the parties."

It is obvious that the term "parties" means "the parties or their representatives"

There is no provision in the Land Regulation prohibiting parties being represented by a legal practitioner.

It is clear that the intention of Land Regulation VIA is to establish a court of arbitration by which disputes between land-renters and the Council as to the terms upon which land shall be surrendered for public purposes may be settled speedily, finally and without technicality or great expense.

In the case which has given rise to the present correspondence you, as a land-renter, on the one hand claim to be represented by a legal practitioner, while on general principles the Municipal Council on the other hand objects to the employment of a legal practitioner.

It has to be borne in mind that the position might be reversed and if the employment of a legal practitioner were admitted as a right many cases might arise where a distinct hardship would be imposed on land-renters who might be unable or unwilling to incur the expense entailed thereby. On the other hand cases may arise where it is advisable that parties be represented by a legal practitioner and where it would be unjustifiable to deny them the privilege.

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As a general rule, however, the Commissioners are of opinion that the ends of justice will be sufficiently attained by continuing the procedure hitherto followed, and that the representation of parties by a legal practitioner should be permitted only in the discretion of the Commissioners, who, as arbitrators, have the power to regulate their own procedure and to exercise a discretion in this and other matters.

With a view to uniformity and for the guidance of all concerned therefor the Commissioners have framed some Rules of Procedure of which I beg to enclose a copy.

I may add that I am writing to the Municipal Council advising them of the decision arrived at by the Land Commissioners and enclosing them copies of this letter and of the Rules of Procedure referred to.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
F. ANDERSON,
Chairman,
Land Commissioners 1908/9.

E. JENNER HOGG, Esq.

LAND COMMISSION.

Rules of Procedure.

1.—Parties may attend in person or by proxy.

2.—A party desiring to be represented by a legal practitioner shall apply in writing to the Commissioners for permission to be so represented, and shall at the same time give reasons why the application should be granted.

3.—The Commissioners reserve the right to grant or refuse such application, each application being considered on its merits.

4.—A party whose application has been granted, shall thereupon give, fourteen days before the hearing, notice in writing of his intention to be represented by a legal practitioner.

5.—The Commissioners may in their discretion require a party appearing by a legal practitioner to state his case in writing for the information of the Commissioners not less than seven days before the hearing.

6.—The Commissioners reserve the right to admit only such members of the legal profession as are admitted to practice in the Supreme Courts of their respective countries.

7.—The Commissioners will in no case award costs.

F. ANDERSON,
LESLIE J. CUBITT,
GEO. W. NOËL,
} *Land Commissioners for 1908/9.*

Shanghai, December 17, 1908.

Semaphore Service.

The following statement of accounts of the service is forwarded by the French Council in accordance with the arrangement made in 1902:—

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT 1908.

	Tls.	Tls.
Subscription to the Observatory Tls. 25 p.m.	300.00	
1 Chinese clerk, $8 p.m.	70.84	
		370.84
Telephone and Electrical Service.		
Semaphore.	40 00	
Light for Observatory and meridian ball	265.06	
		305.06
Staff.		
1 European employe Tls. 165 p.m.	1,980.00	
1 European assistant 10 months at Tls. 40 p.m.	400.00	
1 Watchman, Tls. 12 p.m.	144.00	
1 Ricsha coolie, Tls. 6.50 p.m.	78.00	
1 Bulletin carrier, Tls. 5 p.m.	60.00	
Difference in exchange on the pay of European staff, the tael being fixed at a minimum of 3 francs	45.05	
New Year bonus	10.75	
		2,717.80
Miscellenous Expenses.		
Fuel	15.80	
Building and repairs to lodges	272.41	
Purchase of a clock and of various meteorological instruments	2,500.00	
Purchase of an electric signal-light for night signals	147.69	
Printing and Office accessories	51.80	
Repairs to ricsha	5.82	
Sundry incidental expenses	194.52	
		3,188.04
	Tls.	6,581.74
Of which one-half to be reimbursed by the Municipal Council		3,290.87

G. LAFERRIERE,
Secretary,
French Municipal Council.

Shanghai, December 10, 1908.

Tramways.

With reference to the decision on this subject published with the minutes of December 2, a letter from the Company is read relating to the matters for discussion, and informing the Council that the members of their Local Board, appointed to act in the capacity in question, are Messrs. E. Wheeley, A. M. Marshall and L. J. Cubitt, who are fully empowered to settle all the points at issue on the Company's behalf. The meeting with the Special Committee of the Council will therefore be held on January 11.

In reply to a request by the Company that a staff car may remain in the North Soochow Road during the night, it is decided to grant the necessary permission as a temporary measure, the arrangement to terminate at the Council's option at any time, and to provide that the Company shall accept responsibility for any accident which may result therefrom. The least inconvenient position for the car in the road will be a matter for arrangement between the Company and the Police.

Educational Grants.

The following correspondence relating to a request for a grant from the Public Funds in aid of the publication of a History of Shanghai is ordered for inclusion in the minutes:—

Shanghai, December, 1908.

SIR,—We have been approached by Mr. Montalto de Jesus with regard to a historical work of his which he is desirous of publishing on the subject of Historical Shanghai; but with regard to which he has in the present condition of the book market, and being unknown as an author to the publishing world, met with unexpected difficulties.

The fact of the matter is, of course, that a history of Shanghai, unless backed up by sufficient local support to pay the initial cost of publication, does not commend itself to the caterers for the home public, British or American, who are little interested in China at large, and still less in Shanghai. Such local works are of necessity slow of sale, and the publisher must be content to find them blocking his shelves for years: while naturally he is looking forward to quick sales as a return for the risk and expense of publication. It has thus, it may be added, been at all times the custom that works intended mainly for local circulation, should prior to publication secure a sufficient amount of local financial support to secure the undertaker against, at least, actual loss.

The history of the foundation of the Foreign Settlements at Shanghai, if largely a subject of Imperial interest, has still for the municipalities and local interests concerned its very important local issues, and it is of the greatest consequence for the future of the place that those, who from time to time shall find themselves in control of the important mercantile and international interests involved, shall be well instructed as to the causes which in the past have led up to the evolution of what has now grown to be an International Municipality, actually unique in the history of the world. This, while to the scientific historian increasing the value of the work; to the ordinary home reader not personally nor officially connected with China, may seem to introduce elements considered out of place in a popular work.

We have personally read the work carefully through, with the double object of making ourselves acquainted with its contents, as well as with its general

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style. With the private views of the author, except to express our general concurrence, we conceive it more conducive to the public interest to have no concern. It takes up a chapter in our relations with the Far East, not only interesting, historically and socially, but of great importance in the past as having shaped the existing relations of East and West. It discloses many of those inner causes which have led up to the eventual reorganization of the Chinese Empire, and impelled it in its own interests to abandon its previous policy of isolation, and enter into the comity of nations. Incidentally it sketches out from its small beginnings the growth of a city, already destined at no distant date to rank as one of the most populous, and commercially and politically most important cities on the face of the earth; and which, even at present, claims to be one of the best regulated, and from a sanitary point of view best conducted and policed cities in the East, and quite worthy of being placed alongside the most advanced capital in Europe. All this has been accomplished within the half-century; and the work in hand in simple and straight-forward English contains the record.

Mr. de Jesus has had the advantage of access to official documents, mainly English, but supplemented by American and Continental which have been willingly opened to his perusal. He has also had the inestimable advantage of coming on the scene before the personal recollection of many of the events had faded from memory, and has thus been able to take a wider purview of the stirring events of the time than would be possible for a writer deriving his authority from a single nationality. His work is yet not intended to be in any sense of the word Official, and is not meant to express the views of any nationality or local body; and it is to be distinctly understood that it is not put forward as necessarily expressing the views of one or other of the local Municipalities, which both come under review.

It tells a connected tale from an outside point of view of the early struggles and mistakes of the newly-arrived foreign residents; the position of the pioneers vis-à-vis the insurgent occupiers of the native city, the ineffective attempts of the Government of the day to maintain peace and order, and the curious series of intrigues and maladministration, which eventually called for the establishment within the foreign quarter of the Imperial Maritime Customs. It takes up the story of the Taiping rebellion, with its horrors and reckless waste of life and property, which in the end, against its best endeavours to remain neutral, compelled the British Government, first to protect the lives and properties of its own subjects, and afterwards, finding this not sufficient, to undertake an offensive campaign against the rebels. It then takes up the story of General Gordon and the "Ever Victorious Army," and concludes with the story of the struggle of the Municipality with unwilling Ministers, and reactionary politicians at Peking, and the eventual emergence out of the chaos of the Amended Land Regulations, and the present system of Municipal Government, which, entirely withdrawn from political considerations, concerns itself only with the well-ordering of the large cities under their charge.

The various incidents in the long struggle have been described in various forms, in blue-books and other official or semi-official writings, and from various stand-points, but we believe that the narrative of Mr. de Jesus is the first attempt to weave the whole into a connected tale, and so lay the foundation of a real History of the Great Municipality:—a history which will be always intimately associated with that of the Regenerated Empire of China: and without whose intermediary China must have ceased to be more than an uncertain geographical expression.

These are in a few words the reasons that have induced us to recommend to the Council, in the interests of the future, rendering to the publication of Mr. de Jesus's work such financial assistance as is implied by subscribing for a definite number of copies. It is not suggested that the Council shall thereby be considered as endorsing any opinion or course of policy outlined in the work, which should be clearly understood as the expression merely of the writer's private views, and expressing the opinions only of an independent thinker, who has grown up amidst the traditions and surroundings of the place.

The French Council through their Chairman the French Consul-General have already expressed their intention of subscribing towards the publication of the work in consideration of its utility towards understanding the past of the Settlements.

The work as projected will cover about 270 pages, and will be profusely illustrated with pictures of interest, many of which will be reproductions of old pictures, and engravings of interest taken on the spot. The price to the public is intended to be six dollars, but original subscribers will only be called on to pay five dollars.

Locally Mr. de Jesus is not unknown as a writer, having already appeared as the author of a very interesting historic sketch, entitled "Historic Macao," which met with a very favourable reception from the public.

We are, Sir,

Your obedient servants,

J. D. CLARK.

T. W. KINGSMILL.

W. E. LEVESON, Esq.

Secretary, Municipal Council.

Council Room,

Shanghai, December 28, 1908.

GENTLEMEN,—I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter written on behalf of Mr. Montalto de Jesus, and seeking the Council's support for his forthcoming work on the origin and growth of this Settlement.

The aim and scope of this publication are considered by the Council to be such as to entitle the book to public support, and the opinion which you have formed of its merits goes far towards recommending it for financial assistance from the public funds. At the same time I am directed to point out that the Council has in its service a salaried official charged with the work of writing a history of Shanghai, that his qualifications for the task are very generally recognized, and that sanction has been readily granted for his access to official archives locally as well as in London and Peking.

Under these circumstances the Council considers that there is not justification for further expenditure with the same object in view, and I am therefore directed to express the members' regret at their inability to comply with your request.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

W. E. LEVESON,

Secretary,

Messrs. J. D. CLARK,

and T. W. KINGSMILL.

The meeting adjourns at 5.55 p.m.

Public Band.

The programme for Sunday will be as follows:—

1.—(a) "Turkish March"	Mozart
(b) Minuet from the Symphony in E flat major	
2.—Andante, from Symphony No. 6 in G major	Haydn
3.—Overtue "Die Zauberflöte...	Mozart

4.—Symphony No. 6, in F major ("Pastoral") two movements	Beethoven
5.—Rondino for wind instruments	Beethoven
6.—Overture "Coriolan"	Beethoven

Conductor-in-charge, Mr. R. BUCK.

The attendance at the Sunday performances has been as follows:—

December 20, 1908	1159
„ 27, „	909
January 3, 1909	759

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Health Department

Notification of Infectious Disease.

The following have been reported during the week ending Sunday, December 27, 1908.	Deaths among Chinese population of 330,000	Cases notified among Non-Chinese population of 14,500.
Small-pox.	0	0
Cholera.	0	0
Typhoid Fever.	—	0
Diphtheria.	0	0
Scarlet Fever.	0	0
Tuberculosis	11	0
Plague	0	0
Total Deaths from all Causes	83	5

ARTHUR STANLEY,
Health Officer.

Notification of Infectious Disease.

The following have been reported during the week ending Sunday January 4, 1909.	Death among Chinese population of 550,000	Cases notified among Non-Chinese population of 15,000.
Small-pox.	1	1
Cholera.	0	0
Typhoid Fever	—	0
Diphtheria.	0	0
Scarlet Fever.	3	0
Tuberculosis	15	0
Plague	0	0
Total Deaths from all Causes	130	2

ARTHUR STANLEY,
Health Officer.

Health Officer's Report for December.

The Public Health has continued exceptionally good throughout the month. A circumstance of the gravest import has, however, to be reported. On the 8th instant two dead rats found near the wharves in Hongkew, on examination in the Laboratory, proved to be infected with Plague. From that day a systematic search for dead rats in all the sanitary districts of the Settlement was made with the result that of 1,329 examined during the month 49 were proved dead of Plague. Among 213 dead rats found in the Western District none were found plague infected, among 600 from the Central District 5 were plague infected. of 245 from the Northern District 11 were found plague infected while of 217 from the Eastern District 33 were found plague infected. The distribution of the plague rats around the neighbourhood of the wharves is shown on the spot map attached to this report.

There is little doubt that the introduction of Plague has been effected through the channel where the preventive measures taken by the Port Health Authority are weakest, namely, those for preventing the introduction of rats by ships from plague-infected ports. The possibility of the introduction of Plague has been continuously present, which has lead to the formulation of potential measures and of a plan of campaign capable of being quickly put into action so far as local conditions and the Land Regulations permit.

The following initial measures were therefore put into operation without delay:—

1.—Collection of rats, found dead, throughout the Settlement for examination in the Laboratory in order to locate Plague among rats.

2.—Organization of rat parties with the object of destroying rats and rendering houses as far as possible rat proof, beginning at the periphery of infected areas.

3.—Preventive inoculation with plague vaccine of the Sanitary Staff and of the Public, where there appears to be special reason for it.

For all practical purposes Plague among rats forms the chief objective against which anti-plague measures are directed. Infection from human cases is comparatively rare and unimportant for preventive purposes. The rat is the essential cause of epidemics, the flea being the carrier of the infection from rat to rat and from rat to man. Although a comparatively simple matter to formulate measures against plague, it is difficult to effectively carry them out, especially among an alien population mostly ignorant of the rudiments of sanitation. It is, however, hoped that, with the exercise of forbearance, plague-preventive measures among the Chinese, who are characterised by common sense and unusual docility, carried out by a staff, which almost to a man can converse with the Chinese in their own language, may ultimately prove successful. The dictum 'No Rats, No Plague' furnishes a good working basis. There should be no insuperable difficulty in instilling into the minds of the people the fact that a house that is rat proof is plague proof, as a reason for carrying out practical measures. The extermination of rats is impossible except perhaps by means of the cat. The trapping and poisoning of rats has been thoroughly tried in many places and though useful as a special measure around infected areas, has been proved valueless in effectively reducing the rat population. The cat, however, is the natural enemy of the rat and, if a sufficient number be available, rats will tend towards extermination. By cats alone it should be possible to keep houses rat free and, as a direct result, plague free. Every householder should, therefore, keep one or more cats in the house, all spaces that may harbour rats should be done away with or so screened that rats cannot enter and, if this be impossible, openings should be made, e.g., into the roof space, so that cats may have access to the rats. At the same time attention should be directed towards diminishing the food available for rats by keeping house refuse and other food for vermin in properly covered receptacles and by increased attention to cleanliness about the house and stable.

It is proposed to issue a manual of Plague Prevention, giving among others, practical directions for the destruction of rats and for rat-proofing houses.

	Dead rats sent to the Laboratory	Plague infected	Traps set	Rats caught and burnt.
Eastern	271	33	904	1287
Northern	245	11	500	570
Central	600	5	630	352
Western	213	0	0	0
Total	1329	49	2034	2209

Cattle Plague broke out in three dairies in the Western District during the month and dairy owners have been advised to get their cattle immunised twice yearly by the gall method of Koch.

It is proposed to carry the new licensing, authorized by the amplification of Bye-law XXXIV into effect at the beginning of the Chinese New Year. Tailors' shops, bakeries, aerated water factories, ice-houses and ice factories, places for the manufacture of ice-cream and cool drinks, all food shops, foreign and native, and places for the storage of dangerous materials will, for the first time, be dealt with. In order to allow plenty of time to conform to the new conditions a good many provisional licenses will at first be issued.

Here follow tables of Vital Statistics, Infectious disease and Outdoor Sanitary Work; Work done in the Municipal Laboratory, Municipal Hospitals and Slaughter-house; and lists of Laundries, Dairies and Dealers in Perishable Foodstuffs, etc., licensed for the protection of the Public Health.

ARTHUR STANLEY,
Health Officer.

Deaths.

	Foreign. Resident.	Foreign. Non-Resident.	Native.
Small-pox	0	0	0
Cholera	0	0	0
Typhoid Fever ...	0	0	—
Diphtheria	0	0	2
Scarlet Fever.....	0	0	3
Tuberculosis	2	0	62
From all causes .	8	2	503

Infectious Disease Notified Among Foreign Resident Population.

Small-pox	0
Cholera	0
Typhoid Fever	4
Diphtheria.....	0
Scarlet Fever.....	0
Tuberculosis	0

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Municipal Laboratory.

Small-pox vaccine issued ...	1591 tubes.
Vaccinations	451
Diphtheria Antitoxin issued..	32 bottles.
Cases undergoing anti-rabic treatment	4
Bacteriological examinations	57
Analysis.....	40

Slaughter-House Returns.

	Slaughtered.	Rejected at Slaughter-house.	Passed for Slaughter from Cattle-sheds.	Passed for Export from Cattle-sheds.	Rejected at Cattle-sheds.
Oxen	1474	2	1474	1	0
Sheep	2559	1	2559	25	2
Calves	395	0	395	0	0
Pigs.....	385	1	0	0	0

Victoria Nursing Home.

Cases admitted	28
Discharged	34
Died	3
Remaining last day of month	15
Nursed outside the Home	5
Daily visits	0
Nursing pre-engagements	2

Isolation Hospitals

	Foreign.	Native.
Cases Admitted—Small-pox.....	3	0
Cholera.....	0	0
Typhoid Fever...	0	0
Diphtheria	0	0
Scarlet Fever	0	1
Other Diseases...	1	21
Discharged	8	28
Died	0	0
Remaining last day of month	3	21

Sanitary Work.

Complaints of insanitary conditions received from the public	22
Insanitary conditions reported by Health Office.....	73
Written intimations issued for sanitary amendment	10
Second written intimations issued for sanitary amendment.....	1
Notices of intention to proceed served.	0
Samples taken for analysis.....	15
Pounds of unsound food destroyed ...	660
Food prosecutions.....	0
House refuse prosecutions	79
Laundry and other prosecutions.....	3
Enquiries after notification of foreign cases of infectious disease.....	6
Enquiries after notification of Chinese cases of and deaths from infectious disease.....	165
Rooms disinfected after infectious disease	100
Articles of clothing, bedding, etc., disinfected by steam	510
Rooms whitewashed.....	1825
Ventilation and lighting amended.....	26
Defective drainage amended	43
Insanitary latrines and urinals rendered healthy	7
Insanitary ditches, ponds and creeks rendered healthy	11
Night-soil pits and kongs abolished ...	16
Exposed coffined corpses removed and buried.....	14
Smoke nuisances suppressed	1
Offensive trade processes amended.....	0
Insanitary wells abolished.....	2
Tons of ordure removed	6566
Tons of house refuse removed.....	9662
Other unhealthy conditions amended..	9
Vaccinations	443
Hawkers sent to Markets	22
Rats found dead and examined	1329
Plague rats found.....	49
Traps set	1404
Rats trapped.....	2109
Dairy Cattle immunised with Cattle Plague gall	20

Licensed Laundries.

Laundry.	Situation.
EASTERN	DISTRICT.
Ah Chow	465-6 Dent Road
Ah Kung	467 do.
Old Ah Foo	469-71 do.
Jackson	472-3 do.
Big Sam	66-8 Dent Lane
Jim	1858 Seward Road
Wo Yue	1859 do.
Yue Shing	1860 do.
Ching Kee	1861 do.
Mew Shing.....	1862 do.
Ah Ling	1863 do.
Big Jim	1192 Yuhang Road
Ah Kee	222 Tongshan Road
No. 1 Kashing.....	262-3 Harbin Road
No. 2 „	260-1 do.
No. 3 „	258-9 do.
No. 4 „	257-8 do
No. 5 „	256 do
No. 6 „	255 do.
No. 7 „	254 do.
No. 8 „	253 do.
No. 9 „	251-2 do
No. 10 „	250-1 do
No. 11 „	249 do.
No. 12 „	248 do.
No. 13 „	247 do
No. 14 „	245-6 do.
No. 15 „	243-4 do.
No. 16 „	242 do.
No. 17 „	241 do.
No. 18 „	240 do.
No. 19 „	239 do
Nos. 20-50 „	237-238 do.
NORTHERN	DISTRICT.
Yak Shing	846 Woosung Road
Miller	308 Miller Road
Chin Kee	1113 Woosung Road
Wong Ah Sam	1381 Haining Road
N Y. K.....	N. Szechuen Rd. Ex.
Yah Tah Tung	Pd. 2818 Haining Rd.
International No.—13	709-723 N. Szechuen Rd. Ex.
Japanese	Pd 778 Elgin Road
WESTERN	DISTRICT.
Yung Shing Washing Co	314-309 Viking Rd.
Woo Kee Washing Co.	259 Taku Road
Doo Foo Washing Co.	55 Yates Road
Ziang Shing „ „	24 Weihaiwei Rd
Shz Shing Washing Co.	104-105 „
Yung Sun Washing Co.	210 „
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Licensed Butchers, Poultry, Game and Vegetable Dealers.

Butchers.	Situation.
NORTHERN	DISTRICT.
W. Futterer	1106 Broadway
Fritz Pasche	7 „
R. Neumann	Astor Road
Wong Sie Shang ...	72 Tiendong Road
Kyung Yue Shing ...	671 „ „
Tsiang Ka Va	672 „ „
Lo Jung	957 Woochang Road
Sien Kam Cheong...	5 and 6 Market Road
Wong Yeek Sang ...	17 „ „
Vee Ching Kee	1457 Woosung Road
An Sing	1578 „ „
H. Vöhle	178 Boone Road
CENTRAL	DISTRICT.
Hop Foong.....	17 Maloo Market
Hong Kee	19 „ „
Yeh Tai	27 „ „
Tsin Tai	28 „ „
Yong Ta	29 „ „
Hopkins	1 Ningpo Road
Vegetable and Game.	
NORTHERN	DISTRICT
Tsau Sung Ling ...	677 Tiendong Road
Yue Ming Kwai	1451 Woosung Road
Vee Fah Kee.....	122 Market Road
Sau Z. Yoong	32 & 33 Miller Road
CENTRAL	DISTRICT.
Tsao Sung Ling.....	12 Maloo Market
Lin Yun Kung.....	14 „ „
Tsu Chee Ling.....	15 „ „
Ve Ah Sun.....	16 „ „
Loh Ah Sai.....	18 „ „
Nui Ah Char	26 „ „
Zung Tsau Ming ...	30 „ „
Bah Yung Ling.....	31 „ „
Chu Wai Chu.....	33 „ „

Licensed Dairies.

Dairy.	Situation.
EASTERN	DISTRICT.
Riverside Farm.....	76 Yangtszepoo Road
Shanghai Dairy.....	„ „
Inshallah Dairy Farm	71 Ward Road
Sung Shing Dairy...	Thorburn Road
Yangtszepoo Dairy..	„ „
Farfield Dairy	19 Kwenming Road
Wayside Dairy	1543 Tongshan Road
Tuh Shing	East Kashing Road
NORTHERN	DISTRICT.
Home Farm	N. Szechuen Road
Paoshan Dairy	Paoshan
Hongkew Dairy.....	N. Szechuen Road
Yong Shu Fong	N. Honan Road
Mo Hung Shing.....	N. Szechuen Road
Ching Kee	N. Honan Road
Hong Kee	N. Szechuen Road
Pan Chee.....	N. Honan Road
Shing Chee.	N. Honan Road
Family Farm.....	N. Szechuen Rd. Ex.
WESTERN	DISTRICT.
The Farm	Siccawei Road
Crawford's Farm ...	„ „
St. George's Farm..	Bubbling Well Road
Swiss Farm.....	„ „ „
Culty's Dairy	Route d'Oumer
Lemke's (Private) Dairy...	460 Ave. Paul Brunat
Hung Fei's Dairy...	Bubbling Well Road
Yuen Sang	„ „ „
Zee Butler	601 Burkill Road
Gordon Rd. Dairy Co.	1128 Gordon Road
Yui Chong	756 Avenue Road
Fok Kyi	1401 „ „
Hop Shing	1 Yu Yuen Road
Nee Shing	Markham Road
Yok Kyi	Medhurst Road
Austln. Dairy Farm	Siccawei Road

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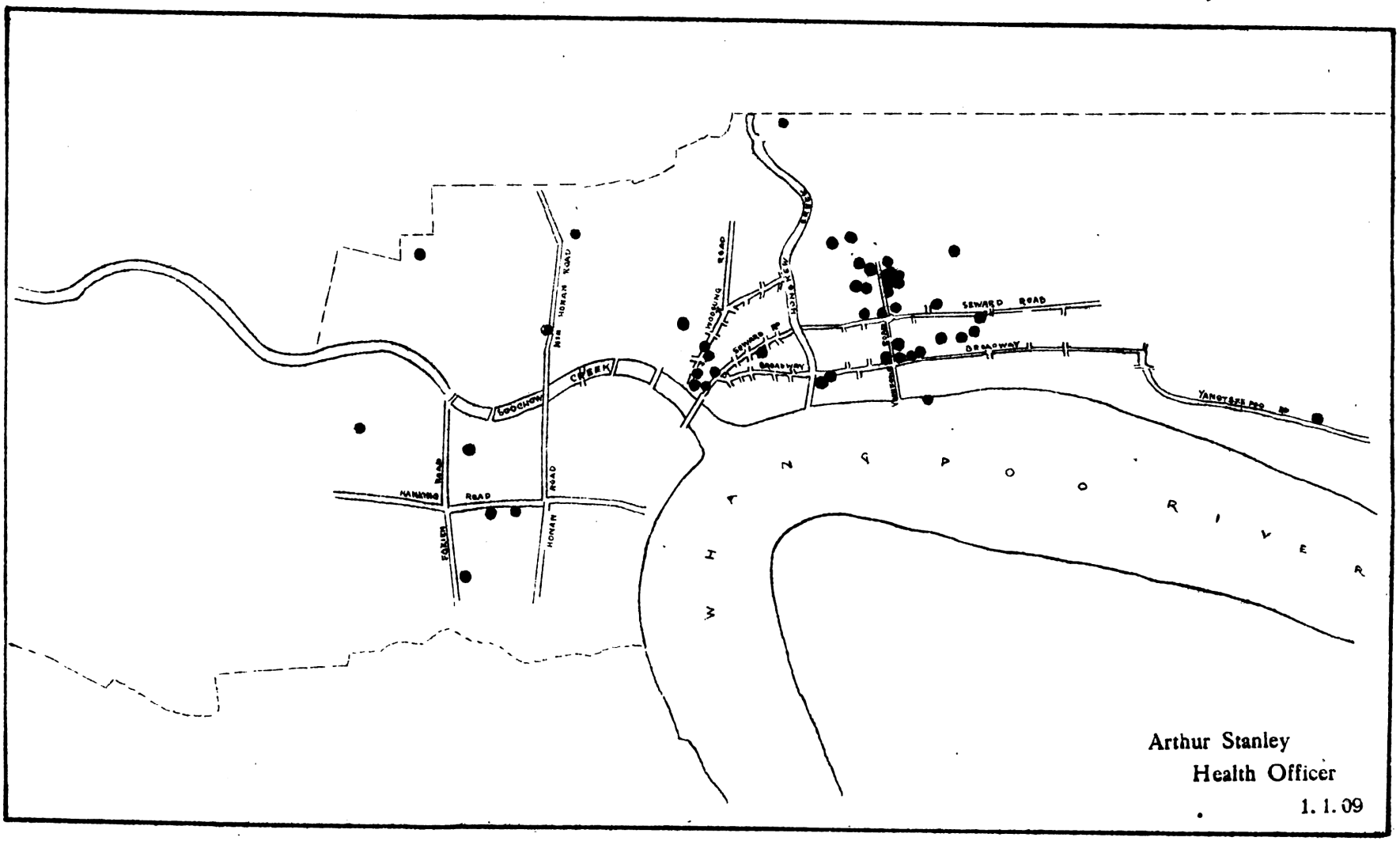
DISTRIBUTION OF PLAGUE RATS DECEMBER 8 TO 31, 1908.



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NOTICE.

THE undersigned, in pursuance of the respective provisions of Articles IX and VIA of the Land Regulations for the Foreign Settlement of Shanghai, hereby give notice that Monday and Tuesday, January 25 and 26, are fixed upon for the election of Councillors together with the election, by registered owners of land in the Settlement, of a Land Commissioner, for the Municipal year 1909.

Nomination papers will be circulated by the Council on or before Tuesday, January 12, and these should be returned to the Council Room not later than 4 p.m. on Monday, January 18.

Shanghai, January 11, 1909.

D. SIFFERT,
Consul-General for Belgium.

C. KLEIMENOW,
Consul-General for Russia.

PELHAM L. WARREN,
H.M. Consul-General.

OSCAR GEORGE POTIER,
Consul-General for Portugal.

H. EITAKI,
Consul-General for Japan.

THORVALD HANSEN,
Consul-General for Norway.

PAUL VON BURI,
Consul-General for Germany.

RICHARD BAGGE,
Consul-General for Sweden.

CHAS. DENBY,
Consul-General for the United States.

VON ZEPPELIN OBERMULLER,
Consul-General for the Netherlands.

BENJAMIN GIBERGA,
Consul-General for Cuba.

R. FARAONE,
Acting Consul-General for Italy.

DR. K. BERNAUER,
Acting Consul-General for Austria-Hungary.

T. RAASCHOU,
Consul for Denmark.

L. RATARD,
Consul-General for France.

A. F. ARIAS,
Consul for Spain.

A. MARTI,
Acting Consul for Mexico.

MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION.

No. 1888.

TOWN HALL.

NOTICE is hereby given that the charge for the use of the Town Hall for dances or other social functions is Tls. 130 per diem, exclusive of the cost of electricity consumed.

The charge for the North Room only, inclusive of lighting, is Tls. 15 per diem or Tls. 10 for the afternoon only.

Applications should be addressed to the undersigned.

By order,

W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

Council Room,
Shanghai, February 10, 1908.

MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION.

No. 1878.

PUBLIC SCHOOL.

THE attention of parents is directed to the following revised scale of monthly fees which has effect from this date:—

Upper School, for a day of 6 hours, $12
Lower School, for a day of 4½ hours, $8
Kindergarten, for a day of 3 hours, $5

Extra Subjects:—

Piano	$5
Shorthand	2
Chinese	1

For a family of two children a reduction of [illegible] per cent, and for one of three or more children a reduction of 33 1/3 per cent, will be made.

By order,

W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

Council Room,
Shanghai, January 4, 1908.

AT the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, January 6, 1909 at 4.30 p.m., there are present:

Messrs. D. Landale (*Chairman*)
A. W. Burkill
W. D. Little
H. A. J. Macray
R. S. F. McBain
J. H. McMichael
O. Meuser
W. A. C. Platt
J. Prentice
The Secretary and
Assistant Secretary.

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

The minutes of the last meeting are read, confirmed, signed by the Chairman and passed for publication.

Foreign Arson Case.

With regard to the case of Mrs. van Herpe, accused of complicity in a case of arson, the following correspondence is ordered for publication:—

Council Room,
Shanghai, December 29, 1908.

SIR,—It has been reported to the Council by the Captain-Superintendent of Police that two applications have been made at your Consulate-General for a warrant for the arrest of Mrs. Van Herpe, a Belgian subject, against whom there lies the very serious charge of arson.

Not only from the evidence in the possession of the Police, which is of a most serious and incriminating character, but from the account of the recent proceedings in H. M. Supreme Court against P. Floer, as reported in the "North-China Daily News" of December 22, there appears to be little question that Mrs. Van Herpe should be brought to trial.

The prevalence of suspicious fires, and the frequency with which natives are charged with the crime of arson, render it particularly desirable that cases where foreigners are implicated should be investigated to the fullest extent, and the Council responsible for the maintenance of order among foreigners and natives alike, would be lacking in its duty were the present instance allowed to pass without comment.

I am not informed as to the reasons why the application for a warrant has been refused, and I have therefore the honour to make an official request for its issue, confident that if any facts

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within your knowledge render such a course inadvisable you will not fail to apprise me of them.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,
DAVID LANDALE,
Chairman.

D. SIFFERT, Esq.,
Consul-General for Belgium.

Council Room,
Shanghai, January 5, 1909.

SIR,—In continuation of my letter of December 29, relating to the refusal of the Council's application for a warrant for the arrest of Mrs. Van Herpe, I have the honour to inform you that on the morning of December 30 she took passage in the str. "Empress of Japan" bound for Hongkong.

The Council is still unaware of the nature of the doubtless adequate grounds upon which her departure was rendered possible, but I have the honour to express the renewed hope that you may be good enough, in the public interest, to afford the necessary explanation.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,
DAVID LANDALE,
Chairman.

D. SIFFERT, Esq.,
Consul-General for Belgium.

Shanghai, January 4, 1909.

SIR,—I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated December 29. Its object has had, as soon as the fire occurred in Range Road, my very serious attention, and I suppose that your Police has given me all the evidence they have in their possession.

My instructions concerning my duties as a magistrate, do not allow me to give an account of the reasons why I should or should not issue a warrant against a Belgian subject.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,
D. SIFFERT,
Consul-General for Belgium.

DAVID LANDALE, Esq.,
Chairman, Municipal Council.

Plague Prevention.

French Settlement and Native City.—The Council approves a suggestion to communicate officially with the French Council, desiring co-operation in the campaign against plague among rats, and requesting that the French medical and sanitary authorities will conduct operations in collaboration with Dr. Stanley. In approaching the Chinese Authorities on the same subject with respect to the Native City, it is decided to do no more than express the hope that means may be taken to catch and kill rats to the utmost extent possible

Chinese Buildings.—Alluding to certain suggestions which were made in 1900, when the code of Rules with respect to New Chinese Buildings was under discussion, the Health Officer reports in favour of amendments aiming at the building of houses so far as possible rat-proof. These involve a solid basement, and the omission of stair linings, of ceilings on the first floor, of hollow plaster work and of hollow brickwork in the walls. Dr. Stanley adds in conclusion that, in the prevention of plague, measures against rats, the actual source of plague, are more importantthan any other measures. If a house can be made rat-proof it is for all practical purposes plague proof

Aware that alterations in the methods of Chinese house construction, which have been in use for eight years, must be introduced only after the fullest consideration: also that the above changes are calculated to have some effect on the cost of erection: the Council decides for the present to do no more than publish Articles VIII and XVIII of the code as proposed for revision together with a new rule requiring final approval before occupation, and invite an expression of opinion on the subject from the leading owners and agents interested:—

ARTICLE VIII.

(At present)	*(Proposed)*
The surface of the ground on all sites on which it is proposed to erect a building shall be raised at least three inches above the finished level of the back of the footpath, or where there is no existing footpath to three inches above the crown of the nearest road.	The surface of the ground on all sites on which it is proposed to erect a building shall be raised at least three inches above the finished level of the back of the footpath, or where there is no existing footpath to three inches above the crown of the nearest finished road.
The ground floor level of every building shall lie at least twelve inches above the finished level of the back of the foot path or the crown of the road as the case may be.	The ground floor level of every building shall lie at least six inches above the finished level of the back of the footpath or the crown of the road as the case may be.
The ground surface of every building shall be covered with good lime or cement concrete at least six inches thick and finished off smooth, the upper surface of the concrete may be at the level specified in the first clause for the surface of the ground.	The boarded floor of every room on the lower storey shall be laid on a bed of fine tarred stone chips or cement concrete, not less than 8 parts of stone to one of cement, at least three inches in thickness, impermeable to water and rats, so that there shall be no open space below the floor.
	For the purpose of excluding rats there shall be no hollow ceilings, nor stair linings nor any hollow spaces enclosed by lath and plaster, and especial care shall be taken to ensure that the wooden framework is properly plastered so as not to form a run or place for rats. Hollow brickwork will not be permitted.
	Where Chinese tiles are used for the roof, adequate provision shall be made to exclude rats.

ARTICLE XVIII.

(At present.)

In every block of buildings there shall be an allowance of 120 square feet of unobstructed vacant space for each house (as defined in Note to Rule IV) and such vacant space shall, as far as possible, be evenly distributed over the block so that each house may have adequate ventilation. In the case of houses abutting on a road, a width of five feet of the road shall be included in the vacant space. In special cases the Council may allow other means of providing a sufficient open space about buildings.

Every habitable room, including cook houses, shall have a mean height of at least 8 feet and shall be provided with one or more windows opening directly into the external air, and, except in the case of side rooms of hongs the window area shall be at last one-tenth of the floor area.

Every room which has a boarded floor situate on the lowest storey shall have a clear space of at least four inches in every part between the underside of every joist on which such floor may be laid and the top of the concrete and such space shall be thoroughly ventilated by means of suitable air bricks or other effectual method, or the floor may be laid on lime or cement concrete so that there be no open space below the floor.

It is proposed to omit the third paragraph entirely.

PROPOSED NEW RULE.

No building shall be occupied until a certificate of completion shall have been issued by the Council.

Notices, etc—The special instructions to the Health Department Staff, and the notices to owners and agents, on the subject of rat-proofing of houses, as approved by the Watch Committee, are ordered for inclusion in the minutes.

INSTRUCTIONS TO SANITARY INSPECTION STAFF.

The enclosed papers relate to routine measures regarding rat-proofing, cleansing and disinfection of houses for the purpose of fighting Plague among rats.

In carrying out this work it should be remembered that, without co-operation among the Chinese community, little or nothing can be done. It is, therefore, necessary for the foreign staff to use the greatest forebearance in dealing with Chinese, to address them in their own language rather than through an interpreter, and to seek to instruct them by giving the reason why these sanitary measures are required, as it will be found that, with the practical common sense and unusual docility that characterises the Chinese, such measures will be attended with most success.

In cases where, after the use of kindness and tact, you meet with flat opposition it will be necessary to take strong action to enforce your orders under Bye-law XXX; but these cases should be rare.

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Of these measures rat destruction and rat-proofing of houses are of greater importance than routine disinfection and cleansing. For the measures against rats attack the actual source of Plague; while cleansing and disinfection attack the small vermin (fleas, etc.) which act as the carrier of Plague from rat to man.

These measures will, untill further notice, be limited to the areas actually infected with Plague among rats, i.e., within 100 yards of places where Plague rats have been found.

SPECIAL PLAGUE PREVENTION NOTICE TO OCCUPIERS

To be served on the occupier of Chinese houses in all infected districts by the Assistant Sanitary Inspector personally, who will carefully explain the requirements, without causing alarm.

The procedure will be somewhat as follows:—

1.—The whole house will be sprayed with disinfectant 1 in 50 treating the space below floor, roof space, roof tiles and bed boards with a liberal soaking of the same.

2 —General cleansing by the occupier himself, including washing with hot water and soap and soda of bed boards, furniture and boarding. Through sweeping up of all dirt, offal and rubbish. Provision of proper covered refuse rece, tacles so that garbage and other food for rats is not furnished.

3.—After allowing a day for drying, the oilers, with a bucket of crude petroleum (pesterine) and mops, will apply it to the sides and corners of floors, to the skirting boards and round the partitions, to the corners of the stairs and, if necessary, among the roof tiles.

During these operations the occupiers should be invited to allow their bedding and spare clothing to be steam disinfected in order to destroy fleas, fleas being the carriers of Plague from rats.

The operation to be conducted under the personal supervision of the foreign staff who shall make special note of rat holes, runs and nests defective drainage and any condition favouring rats. Strong disinfectant may be poured down rat holes and runs and the holes and runs cemented up or, if in wood, nailed over with tin.

The presence of open space under floors, ceiling below first floor, stair lining, loose bricks and open runs round the poles and framework should be reported and a special notice to rat-proof the house sent to the owner. Any structural alterations to the house will require service of notice on the owner but rat holes and rat runs may be cemented up and minor repairs done to wall, ceilings, etc., by the occupier or the sanitary staff. The service of the notice on owners to rat-proof houses is not to interfere in any way with the above work.

[*Translation.*]

To the Occupier of premises.

As Health Officer of the Municipal Council it is my duty to inform you that your premises are in need of cleansing and rat proofing on account of the danger of Plague from rats and dirt.

I have, therefore, to request of you that you will forthwith have your house cleansed and rendered as far as possible proof against rats to the satisfaction of the Health Officer.

Should such work not be commenced within days the work will be done by the Council and the cost of the work collected at the discretion of the Council.

To the Owner of Premises.

FIRST NOTICE.

It is my duty to inform you that your premises are in need of rat proofing on account of the danger of Plague.

I have, therefore, to request that you will forthwith take steps to render your premises as far as possible rat proof to the satisfaction of the Health Officer.

Such work will be done by the Council at cost price if required.

Note.—In making houses rat proof the following points should be considered:—All places which serve as homes or runs for rats should be done away with such as defective drains, open space below ground floor, especially when imperfectly closed to rats, ceiling below first floor, stair linings, walls not built solid and especially loose bricks and open spaces along the wooden poles and framework. As Chinese tiles provide homes for rats a proper ceiling below the roof need not be removed, but all means of access for rats from the roof into the interior of the house mu t be prevented by putting this ceiling into good state of repair.

SECOND NOTICE.

The Notice dated requiring rat proofing on these premises not having been complied with, I have now to inform you that unless the said work is commenced within days and completed within days it will be my duty to report the matter to the Council, with a view to enforce the execution of said work by virtue of the powers conferred under Bye-law , annexed to the Land Regulations.

Port Health Work.

A statement of the accounts of the Quarantine Station at Chungpaosha (Woosung), compiled from the quarterly returns furnished by the Commissioner of Customs, is submitted, as follows:—

Receipts.

Balance from 1907. Hk. Tls.	1,754.11
Disinfectant and Inspection Fees	1,610.03
Council's contribution	5,386.00
French Council's contribution	1,885.08
Taotai's contribution (to November	11,669.67
Hk. Tls.	22,304.89

Expenditure.

Salaries, Foreign Staff. Hk. Tls.	9,848.29
Salaries, Native Staff	7,058.48
Maintenance	752.61
Advertisements & Telegrams	178.17
Coal (for str. "Pootoo")	2,929.09
Balance to 1908	1,538.25
Hk. Tls.	22,304.89

Road Extensions and Widenings.

Official Plans.—Draft plan of the Eastern District, Section A, is submitted showing the improvements which have been arranged during the year, and containing proposals for completing the sites of the Police Eastern Depôt, and the new Open Space in the Wayside Road, and other minor changes.

It is proposed to extend the Police Depôt eastward to the Kungping Road Extension by scheduling the intervening unregistered land, and completing the site of Wayside Park, to lay out a new road 40-ft. wide as its northern boundary in such a position as to secure for the Council the control of future building on so much of the frontage as is possible.

The plan receives the members' approval, is signed by the Chairman, and ordered for publication in the usual way.

Fokien and Foochow Roads.—The surrender of the scheduled strip of Cadastral lot 424, measuring Mow 0.162, for the widening of the above roads at the assessed value of the property plus 10 per cent and less one-third for betterment, or a sum of Tls.4.989.60, is noted. Registered owners, The Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ld.

Chengtu Road.—Raising of the portion of this road between the Weihaiwei and Great Western Roads is approved, at an estimated cost of Tls. 550.

Education l Grants.

Shanghai Museum.—Referring to the minute published on November 19, a report by the Engineer is read, containing an estimate of the cost of repairing the Royal Asiatic Society's building in the Museum Road, amounting to Tls. 2,083. After consideration of the public use of the Museum, and its present satisfactory condition, a special grant to meet this expenditure is approved for inclusion in the Budget.

The meeting adjourns at 6 o'clock.

Health Department.

Notification of Infectious Disease.

The following have been reported during the week ending Sunday, January 10, 1909.	Deaths among Chinese population of 350,000	Cases notified among Non-Chinese population of 15,000.
Small-pox.	0	0
Cholera.	0	0
Typhoid Fever.	1	0
Diphtheria.	—	—
Scarlet Fever.	0	—
Tuberculosis.	18	0
Plague	0	0
Total Deaths from all Causes	122	2

ARTHUR STANLEY,
Health Officer.

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Public Band.

The programme for Sunday will be as follows:—

1.—March from the First Suitefor Orchestra... Lachner
2.—Selection—"Der Evangelimann" ... ... Kienzl
3.—Overture—"Rienzi"... Wagner

4.—(a) Entracte No. 3—"Rosamunde" ... Schubert
(b) Introduction to Act III. "Tannhäuser" Wagner
(c) Intermezzo. "The Tales of Hoffmann" Offenbach
5.—Fantasia for Flute ... Popp
Solo. Mr. Pröfener
6.—Suite No. 1 from the incidental music to "Peer Gynt" ... Grieg
Conductor-in-charge. Mr. R. Buck.

Private Services.—The charge for the services of the Band is Tls. 40, and of a Half-Band, consisting of not less than 3 European and 12 Manila musicians, Tls. 25, per hour or part of an hour.

The services of a smaller number of musicians may be engaged at the rate of Tls. 3 per hour for European, and Tls. 1.50 per hour for Manila musicians. In a group numbering less than half the Band an extra fee of Tls. 1.5 per hour is charged for the services of the piano-player.

One rehearsal is permitted without fee, all subsequent rehearsals are charged for at half of the above rates.

For the services of a soloist an additional fee of Tls. 25 is charged, inclusive of such rehearsals as are necessary.

If special music is required special arrangements must be made.

Engagements for more than three performances during a season are subject to a reduction of 2 per cent, for more than twelve performances 4 per cent.

For Sunday performances, or services involving marching through the streets double rates are charged.

24 hours' notice is required for the cancellation of any engagement.

The cost of conveyance of musicians for distances beyond a radius of 1 mile from the Municipal offices, Kiangse Road, must be defrayed by the persons engaging them.

The European musicians are allowed to give private music lessons, with the Conductor's permission obtained in each case.

Tramway Traffic Returns for December.

The General Manager reports that, by taking careful records of the number of season ticket travellers, it has been ascertained that the average number of journeys per holder is 5½, instead of 4½, as previously calculated. He has, therefore, amended the returns for October and November.

	Passengers.		Receipts.			Passengers per car mile	Receipts per car mile	Receipts per passenger
1st Class.	Number.	%	$	cts.	%	Number	Mex. cents	Mex. cents
Gross Totals	84,579	...	6,903	85	...	...	...	...
Less loss by exchange	...	...	1,222	25	...	...	...	...
Net Cash	84,579	9.54	5,681	60	17.61	.45	3.04	6.72
Seasons	91,956	8.12	3,452	00	10.70	.39	1.84	4.80
Net Totals	156,535	17.66	9,133	60	28.31	.84	4.88	5.88
2nd Class.								
Gross Totals	729,744	...	28,117	16	...	...	...	...
Less loss by exchange	...	...	4,993	01	...	...	...	...
Net Totals	729,744	82.24	23,124	15	71.69	3.90	12.37	3.17
Net Grand Totals	886,279	100.00	32,257	75	100.00	4.74	17.25	3.64

Car Miles—186,943.
Percentage of loss by exchange: 19 60.
Season Tickets issued: 431.

D. McCOLL,
General Manager.

Comparative Statement.

Month.	Passengers			Net Receipts.		
	1st Class	2nd Class	Total	1st Class $	2nd Class $	Total $
June	85,836	794,353	880,189	6,182	25,882	32,064
July	88,756	802,952	891,708	6,263	25,429	31,692
August	86,475	814,436	900,911	6,113	25,669	31,781
September	85,500	813,017	898,517	6,024	25,588	31,612
October	137,688	765,581	903,269	8,229	24,140	32,369
November	151,608	744,909	896,517	9,096	23,750	32,846
December	150,535	729,744	886,279	9,133	23,124	32,257

Month.	Car Miles.	Passengers per car mile.	Receipts per car mile. cts.	Receipts per passenger cts.	Percentage of loss by exchange.	Season Tickets issued.
June	173,945	5.06	18.43	3.64	15.52	—
July	169,743	5.25	18.67	3.56	17.43	—
August	163,127	5.52	19.48	3.52	18.14	—
September	169,250	5.30	18.68	3.52	18.50	—
October	174,920	5.17	18.50	3.58	18.59	3.34
November	169,702	5.28	19.35	3.66	19.13	3.85
December	186,943	4.74	17.25	3.64	19.60	4.31

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MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION.

No. 1939.

CHINESE NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Municipal Offices will be closed to public business from Thursday, January 21, to Saturday, January 23, 1909, inclusive.

By order,

W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

Council Room,
Shanghai, January 18, 1909.

MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION.

No. 1940.

NOTICE is hereby given that the following Ratepayers, duly qualified under Article XIX of the Land Regulations, have been proposed and seconded, and have given their written consent to serve, if elected, as Councillors for the Foreign Community of Shanghai, for the Municipal year 1909 :—

H. De Gray
F. C. Heffer
H. du F. Hutchison
D. Landale
W. D. Little
H. A. J. Macray
O. Meuser
W. A. C. Platt
J. Prentice
T. E. Trueman

Mr. G. W. Noel being the only nominee by registered landowners has been elected Land Commissioner for the Foreign Settlement of Shanghai for 1909.

By order,

W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

Council Room,
Shanghai, January 19, 1909.

NOTICE.

THE undersigned, in pursuance of the respective provisions of Articles IX and VIA of the Land Regulations for the Foreign Settlement of Shanghai, hereby give notice that Monday and Tuesday, January 25 and 26, are fixed up for the election of Councillors together with the election, by registered owners of land in the Settlement, of a Land Commissioner, for the Municipal year 1909.

Shanghai, January 11, 1909.

D. SIFFERT,
Consul-General for Belgium.

C. KLEIMENOW,
Consul-General for Russia.

PELHAM L. WARREN,
H.M. Consul-General.

OSCAR GEORGE POTIER,
Consul-General for Portugal.

H. EITAKI,
Consul-General for Japan.

THORVALD HANSEN,
Consul-General for Norway.

PAUL VON BURI,
Consul-General for Germany.

RICHARD BAGGE,
Consul-General for Sweden.

CHAS. DENBY,
Consul-General for United States.

VON ZEPPELIN OBERMULLER,
Consul-General for the Netherlands.

BENJAMIN GIBERGA,
Consul-General for Cuba.

R. FARAONE,
Acting Consul-General for Italy.

DR. K. BERNAUER,
Acting Consul-General for Austria-Hungary.

T. RAASCHOU,
Consul for Denmark.

L. RATARD,
Consul-General for France.

A. F. ARIAS,
Consul for Spain.

A. MARTI,
Acting Consul for Mexico.

AT the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, January 13, 1909, at 4.30 p.m., there are present :

Messrs. D. Landale (*Chairman*)
A. W. Burkill
W. D. Little
H. A. J. Macray
J. H. McMichael
O. Meuser
W. A. C. Platt
J. Prentice
The Secretary and
Assistant Secretary.

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

The minutes of the last meeting are read, confirmed, signed by the Chairman and passed for publication.

Volunteers.

Upon the recommendation of the Commandant, commissions as Lieutenant are authorized for issue to the following 2nd-Lieutenants :—

G. M. Jameson, "A" Company.
C. Koch, German Company.
J. D. D. Gordon, "B" Company.
L. E. Canning, Artillery.

Uniform.—Upon the recommendation of the Clothing Board, forwarded by the Commandant, the type of Field Service Cap for the following units is authorized for alteration to the ordinary Khaki peaked forage cap, instead of the present blue field service pattern :—

Artillery
Maxims
Mounted Infantry
"A" Company
"B" Company
Customs Company
Signallers

It is considered that the change should not be effected gradually, since in the process these units will have an ununiform appearance. Noting that the cost of the new cap is one-half of that now in use, the Council sanctions the necessary expenditure.

Ammunition.—The Commandant is preparing for the Watch Committee's consideration, figures illustrative of the fact that the reserve of ammunition at present maintained is inadequate, having in view the increased strength of the Corps, and Police requirements. Upon receipt thereof an official request will be dispatched to the G.O.C. in Hongkong for such augmentation as is necessary.

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Police.

Kidnapping.—Upon the recommendation of the Captain-Superintendent a Municipal Notification in the following terms is authorized for issue in the native Press. It is understood that like action is being taken in the French Settlement :—

MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION.

(*Translation.*)

A report from the Captain-Superintendent has been received to the following effect: The number of children of both sexes who are stolen or sold into slavery each year in the Settlement numbers some hundreds. And this in spite of every effort upon the part of the Police to prevent kidnapping and bring these wicked offenders to justice. It is probable that many cases are not even reported to the Police, and this is wrong on the part of parents and relatives.

It is now notified for the information of all concerned that private and confidential reports can be made to the Captain-Superintendent of Police at the Central Police Station at any time, or if preferred by letter.

In each case a careful description of the child missing or missed should accompany such letter, also stating from where and when it was lost.

Unless parents are anxious and eager to put a stop to the horrible practice of kidnapping and will inform the Police whenever cases occur, the latter cannot do as much as might be done to bring offenders to justice and to stamp out the crime.

This is accordingly notified to the Public in the Settlement for their information and compliance.

Mixed Court.

Case of Detention in the City.—With regard to the case of Chiu Shun-cho, detained in the City for debt (*vide* minutes published on November 25 and December 3), a further communication from the Mixed Court Magistrate desires that the keys and safe now in Police custody, be handed over to the Native Authorities. In reply, it is decided to point out that such a course would be irregular until the man has had a hearing at the Court, and that the Council awaits the Taotai's reply to the communication addressed to him through the medium of the Consular Body. Copies of the Magistrate's letter, and of the Council's reply, will be forwarded for the Senior Consul's information.

Case of Irregular Arrest.—The Senior Consul forwards the Taotai's reply to the Council's letter in the case of Yang Yung-ching, seized on the Settlement boundary and detained in a Paoshan police yamên. (*Vide* minute published on October 1.) The incident appears to be one of many wherein protest is ineffectual unless, by the arrest of the runner or other person concerned in the irregularity, proceedings in the Mixed Court are brought about. Reciprocity in police matters connected with the Settlement boundary is regarded by the Watch Committee as impossible, having in view the difference in method and mode of punishment which marks purely native control.

Plague Prevention.

French Settlement.—The reply of the French Council to the Council's request for co-operation is read and ordered for publication. In regard to the question of the issue of a small bounty for dead rats brought to the Health Office the opinion of members is divided, and the subject will have further consideration in due course.

Council Room,
Shanghai, January 9, 1909.

SIR,—I am directed to draw your attention to the outbreak of plague among rats which is under observation by the Health Department, and to the measures which are being taken to check its diffusion and, if possible, to prevent the infection spreading to human beings. In particular I am to refer to the minute published in the "Municipal Gazette" of December 24, and to the report of the Health Officer similarly issued on January 7.

It is unnecessary to allude at any length to the gravity of the situation which has arisen, and the Council desires to do no more than request that the French medical and sanitary authorities will collaborate and co-operate with Dr Stanley in taking steps for the destruction of rats, and for combatting the disease in both Settlements.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

G. LAFERRIERE, Esq.,
Secretary,
French Municipal Council.

Translation of letter from the French Council to the Council, dated January 12, 1909.

SIR,—I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of yesterday's date, informing me of the desire of your Council that the medical and sanitary service of the French Settlement collaborate with that of the Foreign Settlement in combatting the increase of plague rats, of which the presence at Shanghai has been discovered.

I have the honour to inform you that so soon as he learnt of this fact the Consul-General, President of the Council, as a matter of urgency, in concert with Dr. Fresson and M. Patrigeon, took measures with the object of protecting the French Settlement, the application of which together with the aid of individuals and of the Shipping Companies has, up to now, given the best results.

So far as the proposals contained in your letter are concerned you may be assured that in the general interests of the rapid suppression of plague, the Council, in conjunction with the Municipal Council, will not hesitate to take such measures as the circumstances may dictate and as would necessitate action in common by the sanitary services of the two Settlements.

I am, etc.,
G. LAFERRIERE,
Secretary.

W. E. LEVESON, Esq.,
Secretary, Municipal Council.

P.S.—The Council would wish to know if the Municipal Council proposes to give rewards for the capture of rats, and in the affirmative what would be the amount.

Native Houses.—Considerable discussion takes place as to the advisability of change in the rules with respect to Chinese Buildings, or of the rat-proofing measures which the Health Officer is advocating. The Council approves the proposal to convene a meeting of the principal property owners with a view to the general ventilation of the subject.

Statistics.—Of 786 rats found dead between January 1 and 16, excluding trapped rats, 16 have been pronounced in the Laboratory to be plague infected.

Public School.

The minutes of the meeting of the Public School Committee of January 5 are read and confirmed. There were present :—

Messrs. D. E. J. Abraham,
H. De Gray,
Dr. R. S. Ivy,
A. Sidney Wilson,
The Headmaster and
Assistant Secretary.

Dr. Ivy, proposed by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Abraham, agrees to fill the office of Chairman temporarily and until the Committee for the ensuing Municipal year is constituted.

The Chairman on taking his seat records the members' satisfaction at the resumption by Mr. De Gray of his seat.

The minutes of the last meeting are read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

Attendance.—The number of pupils attending the School during the past

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month is reported by the Headmaster to be a total of 366, i.e., 213 boys and 153 girls, the percentage of attendance being 92.

Evening Classes.—A statement is made by the Headmaster as to the attendance at and the general progress of these classes. The numbers attending aggregate 43, and while this number appears a small one it is noted that it is a considerable advance upon last year, when no support was forthcoming; as such it is regarded as satisfactory.

Athletics.—The Headmaster reports that he has, in consultation with the Public Works Department, considered the suitability of various sites for the proposed pavilion in the Hongkew Recreation Ground, and also a plan of the structure, and that his suggestions, together with estimate of the cost, will be embodied in a report shortly to be submitted by the Municipal Engineer for the Committee's consideration.

Assembly Hall.—The Headmaster submits a report in respect to the total inadequacy of existing accommodation in the School buildings on occasions when it is found necessary to assemble any large proportion of the pupils together, particularly for examination purposes or for physical drill, and urges the great need for such accommodation. In the opinion of members any adequate addition to the existing buildings is impracticable, and Mr. De Gray remarks, further, that this scheme of extension must in the near future form but a part of the far more important question of a separation between boys and girls, and the removal of the School, of part of it, to a more advantageous locality. The Headmaster is accordingly directed to prepare a detailed report embodying specific proposals in respect to an assembly hall, and also his opinion and suggestions in regard to the general scheme of future development as indicated.

Colin Jamieson Prizes.—A letter from Mr. H. E. Hobson forwards the result of this examination, wherein is also contained an endorsement of the opinion expressed last year by Mr. Bessell that for the satisfactory progress of students in the Chinese language, it is essential that the class be placed under foreign supervision. The Headmaster states in comment that Chinese has always been regarded as an extra subject, and that but little time can be devoted to it with the staff at its present strength. In view of these facts the Committee supports the Headmaster's contention that any change is impracticable at the present time.

Prize Fund.—The donation by Mr. Abraham of $25 to be expended in prizes for English literature is recorded with an expression of the Committee's appreciation of the gift.

Student Mistresses.—Letter from the Secretary of the National Froebel Union is read, wherefrom it appears that the Union is able to make the necessary arrangements to conduct examinations locally upon the lines previously suggested.

Council Room,
Shanghai, July 29, 1908.

MADAM,—I am directed to inquire whether an arrangement is possible whereby candidates may be examined in Shanghai under the National Froebel Union and receive certificates as a result of a passing.

The Council's reasons for making this proposal may be gathered from consideration of the Public School section of the Annual Report for 1907, forwarded herewith, and from the prospectus which accompanies it.

From these publications you may observe that the work and methods employed are as nearly as possible those of an English School. The children are European and number 114 inclusive of the Lower School (Transition) and Kindergarten.

Two trained mistresses from home and two junior assistants engaged locally are employed, and since for the former the qualifications of home training are under present conditions indispensable it follows that if one of these leaves her post she cannot be replaced by one of the junior mistresses: thus it becomes necessary on each occasion to obtain new trained mistress from England. This course is open to the obvious objection of cost, both of time and money. The rapid growth of the School, and the desirability of giving promising pupils an opportunity to enter the teaching profession, also lead to the question as to whether, after a suitable examination, a certificate of more than local value could be issued to former pupils, qualifying them as teachers.

I venture to request that in any event you will have the kindness to give the Council the benefit of your comment and advice on the subject.

I am, Madam,
Your obedient servant,
W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

The SECRETARY,
The National Froebel Union,
4 Bloomsbury Square,
London, W.C.

London, October 13, 1908.

SIR,—I am directed by the Board of the National Froebel Union to inform you that they have considered your request as outlined in your letter of July 29 last. If you will consult page 3 of the syllabus, and the footnote at the bottom of that page, you will find that the Board of the National Froebel Union are prepared to hold the examinations abroad under certain conditions. I understand at present that you are only prepared to send in two candidates in 1909 for the N.F.U. elementary certificate. The ordinary examination fee of two guineas will be required to be paid, and a fee of £2 towards examiner's expenses. My Board also desired me to inform you that they will be able to arrange for the practical examination in educational handwork and class teaching of your candidates at the same time as holding the written examination. There is a lady, I understand, in Shanghai who is considered capable of undertaking this work. On hearing from you again, I will forward you the examination forms for these two candidates to fill in, and will write to the lady in question as to the practical examination. By this mail, I am sending you a syllabus. I shall be happy to answer any further inquiries, but trusting I have made the matter clear,

I am,
Yours faithfully,
E. H. MACEVAN,
Secretary,
National Froebel Union.

W. E. LEVESON, Esq.,
Secretary,
Municipal Council, Shanghai.

Public School for Chinese.

School Certificates.—Certificates of having completed the curriculum and passed the sixth form examination are authorized for issue to:—

Fei Chia-lu (費家祿)
Hsu Yen-fang (許彥藩)

These boys have obtained the prizes for English and Chinese literature, respectively, and both entered for the Cambridge University Local Examination (Juniors) held last month.

Land Commission.

Mr. F. Anderson is unanimously re-elected to be the Council's representative on the Commission for the Municipal Year 1909-10.

Woochang Road Jetty.

In continuation of that published on June 11, the following further correspondence completes the record of the terms upon which the transfer of this landing stage to the termination of the Tsingpoo Road has been sanctioned:—

Shanghai, June 17, 1908.

DEAR SIR,—With reference to the proposal to place a public pontoon at the end of the Tsingpoo Road, we beg to point out that the Shanghai & Hongkew Wharf Co., Ld., own the frontage from the centre of the Tsingpoo Road to the Hongkew Creek. Owing to the limited extent of this frontage for wharfage purposes the Company would be unable to allow any overlapping of their property by boats lying alongside a pontoon moored in the position suggested.

The eastern end of the pontoon could not therefore be used by the public, and we would suggest that the pontoon be moored 25-ft. further to the westward.

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In the meantime we protest on behalf of the Shanghai & Hongkew Wharf Co., against the pontoon being moored in the position indicated on the plan made available to the Wharf Superintendent.

Yours faithfully,
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., LD.,
General Agents,
Shanghai & Hongkew Wharf Co., Ld.

W. E. LEVESON, Esq.,
Secretary, Municipal Council.

Council Room,
Shanghai, July 22, 1908.

SIR,—Referring to the correspondence between your Company and the Council published on June 11, in respect to the suggested transfer of the Woochang Road pontoon, I am directed to inform you that, in deference to the protest of the Shanghai & Hongkew Wharf Co., Ld., it has been decided to alter the position proposed at the termination of the Tsingpoo Road 12 feet to the westward.

The position now selected is considered the best available under the circumstances by the Harbourmaste and by the Municipal Engineer, and the Council now assents to the transfer upon the condition that if after the year's trial this arrangement in the Council's opinion affords the public less facilities for handling cargo than they have heretofore enjoyed, the pontoons including your own shall be restored to their present position at the cost of your Company.

The change may therefore be made without further delay upon your assenting to the above condition, and in terms of the correspondence lately published on the subject.

For purpose of complete record I enclose two copies of a plan showing the new position exactly to scale, and I shall be obliged if, in acknowledging this letter, you will be good enough to return the second of the plans signed as correct.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary

The MANAGER,
The Nippon Yusen Kaisha.

Shanghai, July 23, 1908.

DEAR SIR,—Referring to the proposed removal of the Woochang Road Jetty to the end of the Tsingpoo Road, we beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of yesterday's date, in which you inform us that "Your Council has decided to alter the position proposed at the termination of the Tsingpoo Road 12 feet westward and if after one year's trial this arrangement in your Council's opinion affords the public less facilities for handling cargo than they have heretofore enjoyed, the pontoons including our own shall be restored to their present position at the cost of this company."

In reply thereto, we beg to say that whilst accepting the proposition we think it is better that we refer the matter to our head-office for full confirmation and shall let you have definite reply as soon as we hear from them.

In the meantime, we would ask the Municipal Council as a safeguard to us that if in the future from unforeseen causes such as silting up, etc., our pontoons become unavailable for steamers, to allow us the right of replacing the public jetty and our pontoons in their original positions.

We are, Dear Sir,
Yours faithfully,
NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA,
YOMEJIROH ITO,
Manager.

The SECRETARY,
Municipal Council.

Shanghai, January 12, 1909.

SIR,—Referring to your letter of July 22 last, in respect to the proposed transfer of the Woochang Road Pontoon from its present position to the end of the Tsingpoo Road, we now beg to say that we accept the conditions therein mentioned and will proceed with the transfer as soon as possible.

We return herewith copy of a plan, signed by us as correct, showing the new position of the pontoon.

We are, Sir,
Yours faithfully,
NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA,
YOMEJIROH ITO,
Manager.

The SECRETARY,
Municipal Council.

Council Room,
Shanghai, January 19, 1909.

SIR,—I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of January 12 which finally accepts the Council's conditions for the transfer of the Woochang Road Jetty.

The Council will require that detail drawings of the projected works be submitted to the Municipal Engineer before operations are begun, and that the whole of the work may be performed to his satisfaction.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

The MANAGER,
The Nippon Yusen Kaisha.

Council Room,
Shanghai, January 19, 1909.

GENTLEMEN,—With reference to your letter of June 17, on the subject of the transfer of the Woochang Road Jetty eastward to a position opposite the termination of the Tsingpoo Road, I am directed to state that, noting your protest, the Council has arranged for the new position of the pontoon to be at the same distance from that at Heards' Wharf as from the position approved for the Nippon Yusen Kaisha pontoon.

I am directed to express the hope that this arrangement will prove satisfactory to the public, as well as to the adjoining owners and others more particularly concerned.

I am, Gentlemen,
Your obedient servant,
W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary,

Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON & Co. LD.,
General Agents,
Shanghai & Hongkew Wharf Co. Ld.

Municipal Properties.

Wayside Park.—The purchase of Mow 0.36 of grave land upon the eastern boundary of this ground is authorized for the sum of Tls. 475, with an addition of Tls. 75 for the removal of the grave. Of this area Mow 0.104 will be required for the Whashing Road, the remainder being included in the proposed Park.

Road Extensions and Widenings.

Weihaiwei Road.—The completion of the metalling of this road between the Chungking and Yates Road is authorized, at an estimated cost of $4,930.

Tenders.

That of Messrs. E. E. Porter & Co., Ld. for the installation of electric light and bell fittings at the Wayside Police Station new buildings is authorized for acceptance, $980. The following were also received :—

Shanghai Electric & Asbestos Co. Ld.,	Tls. 1,155
Crompton & Co. Ld.,	946
Jardine, Matheson & Co. Ld.,	785

Public Band.

The programme for Sunday, January 24, will be as follows:—

1.—March—"Pomp and Circumstance" No. 1 in D major ... ...Elgar
2.—Orchestral Suite—"Casse Noisette" — ("Nut-Cracker")... ... ...Tschaikowsky
(*a*) March
(*b*) Arabian Dance
(*c*) Chinese Dance
(*d*) Reed Pipe Dance
(*e*) Russian Dance

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3.—Overture—"Les Dragons de Villars" ... ...Maillart

4.—Suite No. 1 from the incidental music to "L'Arlésienne" ...Bizet

5.—Romance and Rondo for Horn... ... ...Mozart
Solo—Mr. Preussler.

6.—"Welsh Rhapsody" ...Edward German

Conductor-in-charge, Mr. R. Buck.

The meeting adjourns at 6.45 p.m.

Health Department

Notification of Infectious Disease.

The following have been reported during the week ending Sunday, January 17, 1909.	Deaths among Chinese population of 550,000	Cases notified among Non-Chinese population of 15,000.
Small-pox.	0	0
Cholera.	0	0
Typhoid Fever.	—	2
Diphtheria.	3	0
Scarlet Fever.	1	0
Tuberculosis.	10	2
Plague	0	0
Total Deaths from all Causes	122	2

Arthur Stanley,
Health Officer.

Minutes of a meeting between Sub-Committees of the Council and of the Local Board of the Shanghai Electric Construction Co., Ld, held on January 11, 1909, at 4.30 p.m., for the discussion and settlement of various matters outstanding with respect to the Shanghai Tramways.

It is noted that both of these Committees are authorized to settle and conclude any points which may arise in the discussion.

Present:

Messrs. D. Landale (Chairman), A. W. Burkill and O. Meuser } representing the Council

Messrs. E. Wheeley, L. J. Cubitt and A. M. Marshall } representing the Company.

The General Manager of the Company and the Secretary to the Local Board.

The Municipal Engineer, Electrical Engineer and the Secretary.

Running Powers for the French Company.—A second printed draft agreement between the Company and the French Company, providing for the running of French cars over certain portions of the track, is submitted, considered, and approved, with the following modifications:—

(i) Provision to be inserted that Clause 15 of the Concession Agreement, relating to responsibility for accidents, shall be applicable to the French cars, that is to say that the Company will accept responsibility for accidents happening by reason of these cars, and will thereafter recover from the French Company, any compensation or damages it may have been called upon to pay.

(ii) That the fixed period of the agreement shall be one year instead of two, after which it shall be liable to revision, or, if through running is found inexpedient to termination at six months' notice on either side.

With regard to the two bridges over the Yangkingpang affected, it is agreed (a) that the Council and the Company shall each contribute a one-fourth share of the projected works at the Bund, provided the French Council and French Company do likewise, and (b) that the Company shall contribute a one-half share of the proposed works at the Chekiang Road, provided the French Company will do likewise. Approximate estimates for these works are respectively Tls. 40,000 and Tls. 3,000.

Trailer Cars.—Under provision of Clause 7 (b) of the Concession Agreement, the Council assents to the introduction of six trailer cars, upon the understanding that if hereafter they prove from a traffic standpoint unworkable, they will be withdrawn from service without claim on the part of the Company for any loss or expenses incurred by reason of their introduction.

Guard Wires.—With respect to the Company's obligation under the Concession Agreement to erect these devices, it is understood that the Shanghai Mutual Telephone Co., Ld. is insulating such of their wires as are in danger of contact with the tramway trolley wires, and erecting the necessary cradling at certain points, at a total estimated cost of Tls. 3,750. It is further understood that the erection of guard wires, had it been undertaken at the time the overhead equipment was being erected, would have cost the contractors Tls. 1,618. The Company agrees to leave the amount to be paid to the Telephone Company, within these limits, in the Council's hands, noting that the payment will be a final one, that no cost of maintenance of insulated wires will be borne by the Tramway Company, and that no claim will be raised for the extra cost of insulating telephone wires erected in the future.

Gas Main in the Canton Road.—With respect to the Gas Company's claim of £368, and Tls. 3,919, for a new gas main in the Canton Road, arising out of the recent proceedings in the Court of Foreign Consuls and in arbitration, the Company agrees to reimburse the Council for such sum as may ultimately be paid in respect of actual damage done to the Gas Company, in accordance with the principles laid down, in Mr. Bourne's award, and upon the understanding that the settlement of this case shall constitute no precedent in the case of future similar claims.

Special Rates for Municipal Employes.—In connexion with Clause 22 of the Concession Agreement, the proposals contained in the Council's letter of July 29, 1908, are accepted by the Company.

Revision of Fares and Sections.—The proposals of the Company, published in the Municipal Gazette for August 6 and September 17, 1908, are accepted by the Council, with effect from February 1, 1909, with the following additions:—viz. (a) to carry children under 14 years of age 1st-class for 2nd class fares, (b) to issue to children under 14 years of age 1st-class Season tickets at $5 per mensem, the Council reserving the right to revert to the strict letter of the Concession Agreement, if adequate cause is shown, upon giving six months' notice.

The Company's suggestion to establish a Tramway Tariff Commission is not accepted by the Council, upon the grounds that the work which it is proposed that the Commission shall perform, may, when occasion demands, be done by a meeting of authorized sub-committees such as the present. It is recognised that circumstances especially in view of the uncertain subsidiary coinage may render it necessary for future revisions to be carried out.

A discussion ensues as to the price charged for current by the Council under the Supply of Power Agreement, and, while the Chairman is unable to hold out any prospect of the reduction of this charge at present, the Council undertakes to give consideration to any official representations which the Company may see fit to make on the subject in the future.

With reference to the royalty of 5 per cent paid by the Company on its gross traffic receipts, it is pointed out that in Hongkong no royalty is paid by the Tramway Company, and in Singapore only 5 per cent on net profits; and the Company points out that the licence fees from ricshas have actually increased since the introduction of the tramway service. The Council makes no promise of revision under this head.

Company's claim for delay in supplying power.—The whole of the claim contained in the Company's letter of November 23, 1908, is withdrawn.

It is agreed that nothing in tho foregoing minutes shall be held to involve any official amendment of the wording of the Concession Agreement.

The meeting adjourns at 6.10 p.m.

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Departmental Report of the Superintendent of Parks and Open Spaces to the Municipal Engineer for December.

The work during the month consisted generally of garden routine. The planting of spring flowering bulbs and other plants in the beds and borders was practically completed. The weather being propitious throughout the month, the playing-fields were in constant use, and by steady rolling and surfacing with sand where required, they were maintained in good condition. The floral display in the conservatories was one of the best, there being on Christmas Day 560 plants in flower, the most conspicuous being poinsettias, mesembrina ripirianum, penisthrepe speciosa, daedalacanthus nervosus. Of orchids there were six kinds in flower.

The Golf links in Hongkew Recreation Ground were freely used, 114 players having played over them on Christmas Day. These links though temporary are attracting not only experts of the game but also many new players to take it up. About 300 long of turf was laid on the banks of the lake.

A number of old trees were removed from Carter and Yangtszepoo Roads, and young trees planted to fill up blanks on roads already planted.

Hongkew Recreation Ground.—A notice-box is being placed at the junction of Range and North Szechuen Roads wherein notices stating when the playing areas are closed on account of rain, golf course closed, and match fixtures if available, will be posted. The chief reason for this box is to prevent those who are confined indoors all day and thereby unable to judge if the lawns are unfit for play, journeying out to the Park and being disappointed by finding on their arrival that it is closed.

Number of visitors 4,773. Golf number of players 710. Hockey, number of players, 90. Football, matches and practice 18.

Bedding Plants Planted.

Public Garden	3,838
Chinese Public Garden	875
Municipal Hospital	450
Bubbling Well Police Station	6
	5,169

Trees Planted.

Edinburgh Road	15
Brenan Road	43
Ferry Road	38
Avenue Road	30
Seymour Road	8
Ichang Road	19
Medhurst Road	2
Sinza Road	32
Kiaochow Road	32
Jessfield Road	61
North Szechuen Road	97
	377

Trees Fastened.

Avenue Road	50
Seymour Road	18
Ferry Road	42
Edinburgh Road	68
Brenan Road	23
Ward Road	15
Tongshan Road	8
Hungjao Road	10
Ichang Road	80
Medhurst Road	2
Carter Road	10
Jessfield Road	87
Sinza Road	44
Kiaochow Road	47
North Szechuen Road	112
Hannen Road	4
Bund	2
Municipal Hospital	8
	560

D. MacGregor,
Superintendent.

Engineer's Report for December.

Works in Progress.—New Quarters for Foreigners, Hongkew Police Station. Extra storey to Guard-room at Gaol. Inspector's quarters, Wayside Police Station. Additions to Godown, Electricity Works. Removal and enlargement of Sinza Market. Native Police Hospital adjoining Victoria Nursing Home. Removal of Dog Kennels to Police Western Depôt. Police Western Depôt. Laying 4-ft. 6-in. diam. culvert across Ferry Road north of Penang Road. Laying 3-ft. 0-in. diam. culvert across Penang Road east of Ferry Road. Laying 3-ft. 0-in. diam. culvert at the junction of Sinza Road and Kiaochow Road. Laying 4-ft. 6-in diam. culvert along the Yung Zeen Pang west of Hart Road. Raising Sinza Road west of Hart Road. Raising Ferry Road north of Penang Road. Raising Bubbling Well Cemetery Extension. Bricking and metalling Myburgh Road south of Burkill Road. Forming new pathway along Seymour Road and Weihaiwei Road. Erecting iron railings and stanchions along Hart Road north of Sinza Road. Laying 3-ft. 3-in. by 1-ft. 6-in. sewer along North Honan Road. Constructing 7-ft. 6-in. by 6-ft. 0-in. culvert at the junction of Baikal Road and Lay Road. Laying 4-ft. 6-in. diam. culvert at the junction of Thorburn Road and Baikal Road. Raising Baikal Road. Raising Rangoon Road. Road widening at the corner of Hanbury Road and Woosung Road.

Works Finally Completed.—Laying 3-ft. 0-in. diam. culvert across Ferry Road north of Connaught Road and diverting creek. Laying 3-ft. 0-in. diam. culvert across Singapore Road. Laying 4-ft. 6-in. diam. culvert at the junction of Hart Road and Sinza Road. Raising Hart Road north of Sinza Road. Bricking and metalling Myburgh Road from Burkill Road to Avenue Road. Laying 1-ft. 6-in. by 1-ft. 0-in. sewer along Sinza Road from Carter Road to Medhurst Road. Laying 12-in. diam. sewer along Robison Road east of Jessfield Road. Bricking and metalling 12-ft. 0-in. strip of Manila Road west of Chungking Road. Concrete banding at north-west side of Chekiang Road Bridge. Laying 3-ft. 0-in. by 2-ft. 0-in. sewer along North Honan Road. Laying 1-ft. 6-in. by 1-ft. 0-in. sewer along Miller Road. Laying 4-ft. 6-in. diam. culvert at the junction of Baikal Road and Whashing Road. Laying 3-ft. 0-in. diam. culvert at the junction of Baikal Road and Thorburn Road. Laying 3-ft. 0-in. diam. culvert at the junction of Rangoon Road and Wetmore Road.

Public Lighting.

Electricity.—A "flame" arc lamp has been erected on the South approach to the Chapoo Road Bridge. This type of arc unquestionably gives a better light than the old "enclosed" pattern, but it is doubtful whether they are worth the additional cost except for special positions such as the above.

During the month 60 C. P. metallic filament lamps have been erected as follows:—

2 along Soochow Road between Museum Road and Szechuen Road.
2 along Great Western Road between Seymour Road and Yates Road.
4 along Seymour Road between Sinza Road and Avenue Road and
3 along Seymour Road between Weihaiwei Road and Great Western Road.
7 along Ferry Road between Sinza Road and Bubbling Well Road.

As far as it is possible to judge at present this type of lamp should prove a success, and in any case it is superior to the old pattern incandescent electric lamp. In Avenue Road the latter have now been replaced by metallic filament lamps.

Orders were issued on the 23rd instant for the complete lighting by means of arc lamps of all the tramway routes in the Northern District, and also North Soochow Road, Yangtsze Road and Fearon Road.

Orders were issued on the same date for the lighting of the North Szechuen Road Extension as far as the entrance to the Hongkew Recreation Ground by means of metallic filaments.

Plans Completed.—Working drawings for Sinza Police Station. Police Sentry Boxes. Thorburn Road Latrine.

Cleansing.—Sixty-two cartloads of garbage, 2,903 cartloads of road detritus and 2,670 cartloads of gully deposit were collected during the month.

Quarry.—3,446 tons of road materials have been received during the month from the Quarry. 597 tons were dispatched from the Quarry for account of the French Council during the month.

Concreteware.—The following concreteware has been made at the Hongkew Depôt during the month:—

Hand made	822 pieces
Machine made	771 ,,
Total	1,593 pieces

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Creeks and River.—3,499 tons of mud from Defence Creek, and 6,595 tons of mud were dredged and removed from the mouth of the Soochow Creek between the Garden Bridge and the Whangpoo River during the month.

New Buildings.—Thirty-two sets of plans for 125 new buildings were approved during November, and of these seventeen sets were submitted by foreigners and fifteen by Chinese.

Dangerous Structures.—Nineteen notices and nine second notices as to dangerous structures have been issued.

Drainage to New Buildings.—The following table shows lengths of drains of various sizes laid on private property by the Department during the month:—

Heading.	Unit.	Districts. W.	C.	N.	E.	Total.
12" pipe drain	ft. run	50	—	—	—	50
9" pipe drain	,,	—	62	—	—	62
6" pipe drain	,,	—	48	132	24	204
4" pipe drain	,,	—	—	8	—	8
Yard gullies	Nos.	—	—	3	—	3
Manholes	,,	2	9	8	2	21
Main drain connexions	,,	2	5	5	1	13

Survey Work.

Official measurements of new land lots attended during the month..	87
Cadastral certificates issued	70
Consular lots surveyed	14
Surveys made in connexion with road widenings and/or extensions.	9
Lots examined to ascertain whether they included roads or waterways which are or may in future be of use to the public	63

M. C. R. stones have been erected as follows:—

Western District	103	stones.
Northern ,,	11	,,
Eastern ,,	34	,,
Total	148	,,

Miscellaneous.—The average number of labourers employed during the month, exclusive of contract work, has been 2,075 as against 1,943 during December 1907.

Works Completed on Road Widenings and Extensions.—Works have been completed on Avenue Road, Myburgh Road, Manila Road, Seymour Road, Ferry Road, Robison Road, Singapore Road, Hart Road, Sinza Road, Macao Road, Penang Road, Seward Road, Fearon Road, North Szechuen Road Extension, Baikal Road, Chaoufoong Road, and Lay Road, as shown by the following table:—

Heading.	Unit.	Districts. W.	C.	N.	E.	Total.
Drainage.						
Tidal ditches made	ft. run	443				443
4'6" culverts laid	,,	138			54	192
3'0" culverts laid	,,	48				48
12" sewers laid	,,	512				512
9" sewers laid	,,	116			38	154
6" drains laid	,,	50		24		74
4" drains laid	,,			31		31
Street gullies laid	Nos.	1				1
Brick manholes constructed...	,,	6				6
Retaining walls constructed	,,	7				7
Roads.						
Bricking	ft. sup.	16364		1356		17720
Metalling	,,	16364		2860		19224
Kerb and channel laid	ft. run	168				168
Kerb and channel relaid ...	,,			235		235
Chippaved carriageways laid...	ft. sup.	1574				1574
Chippaved carriageways reprd.	,,			665		665
Footpavements.						
Concrete paving laid ..	ft. sup.			658		658
Concrete paving relaid ...	,,			483		483
Macadam footways laid... ...	,,	3762				3762
Miscellaneous.						
Foochow pole railing erected...	ft. run				60	60
Standard iron railings erected	,,	188				188
Street nameplates fixed ...	Nos.	43		88		131

Works Completed on Existing Roads.—The following is a tabulated statement of the different works completed during the month:—

Heading.	Unit.	Districts. W.	C.	N.	E.	Total.
Drainage.						
Tidal ditches cleaned	ft. run	8087				8087
Sewers cleaned	,,	1081				1081
2'3" × 1'6" sewers laid ...	,,	36				63
1'6" × 1'0" sewers laid ...	,,	1124				1124
6" drains laid	,,	256				256
Street gullies laid	Nos.	16				16
Street gullies renewed	,,				7	7
Brick manholes constructed	,,	11				11
Roads.						
Metalling	ft. sup.	60418	242919	60570	27140	391047
Kerb and channel laid ...	ft. run	88		954		1042
Kerb and channel relaid ...	,,		68			68
Chippaved margins laid ...	ft. sup.			2385		2385
Chippaved margins relaid ...	,,	1459		6599		8050
Chippaved carriageways repaired	,,			12854		12854
Rolling and sanding	,,	39462		21042		60504
Macadam roads repaired ...	,,	8175	7120	6342		21637
Footpavements.						
Concrete paving laid	ft. sup.		622		90	712
Tar paving repaired ...	,,	820	150			970
Chippaved footways laid ...	,,				60	60
Miscellaneous.						
Public electric lamps erected	Nos.	16	2	11		29
Street nameplates fixed ...	,,	4				4
Gas, water and other trenches opened	,,	848	680	275	349	2152
Telephone poles erected ...	,,	38	28			66
Electricity poles erected ...	,,	62	5			67

CHARLES MAYNE, *Engineer & Surveyor.*

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MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION.

No. 1943.

THE following new licence conditions will be enforced from February 1, 1909.

(VI) NATIVE LODGING HOUSE.

6A.—That all runners in the employ of the establishment wear a distinctive badge showing the name of the lodging-house in English and Chinese.

(XII) OPIUM SHOP.

2A.—That no opium be smoked or consumed on the premises.

By order,

W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

Council Room,
Shanghai, January 26, 1909.

MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION.

No. 1944.

IN accordance with Article XVIII of the Land Regulations, we, the undersigned scrutineers duly appointed by the Council, hereby declare that the following nine Ratepayers polled the greatest number of votes at the election held on January 25 and 26, and are therefore declared to have been duly elected as the Council for the Foreign Community of Shanghai, for the year 1909 :—

W. D. Little	290
D. Landale	286
W. A. C. Platt	285
H. A. J. Macray	284
H. De Gray	280
O. Meuser	276
J. Prentice	266
F. C. Heffer	249
T. E. Trueman	235

Total number of votes 322 and 4 irregular votes.

W. S. JACKSON
A. M. MARSHALL } *Scrutineers*

By order,

W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

Council Room,
Shanghai, January 26, 1909.

AT the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, January 20, 1909, at 4.30 p.m., there are present :

Messrs. D. Landale (*Chairman*)
A. W. Burkill
W. D. Little
H. A. J. Macray
J. H. McMichael
O. Meuser
J. Prentice
The Secretary and
Assistant Secretary.

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

The minutes of the last meeting are read, confirmed, signed by the Chairman and passed for publication.

Volunteers.

Upon the recommendation of the Commandant, commissions as 2nd-Lieutenant are authorized for issue to Mr. K. D. Stewart, "A" Company, and Mr. H. Rix, German Company, the former to enable him to attend the School of Instruction at Chelsea.

Eight months' leave of absence is granted to Major C. Lalcaca, P.M.O., with effect from January 19.

Artillery Ponies.—The Commandant reports that one of the ponies was found to be suffering from glanders, and has therefore been destroyed under the directions of Dr. Pratt, Veterinary Surgeon. It is decided to obtain reports on this case, with special reference to the possibility of the spread of the disease, and to the condition of stables wherein the ponies are at present housed.

Police.

Foreign Branch.—The promotion of the following to the rank of Sub-Inspector is authorized with effect from January 1.

W. G. Brown
S. Robinson
T. I. Vaughan.

The promotion of P. W. Reeves to be 2nd-Class Sergeant is authorized with effect from December 4, 1908.

Nine months' leave of absence is granted to Sub-Inspector Eek to date from March 1.

The resignation of Sergeant Reading is accepted with effect from January 14.

The promotion of R. E. Emmett to be 2nd-Class Constable is authorized with effect from January 10.

Special Merit and Long Service.—A report by the Captain-Superintendent forwards a petition from certain sergeants on the subject of the reference of the Police Enquiry Committee to badges for specially meritorious services, and it is decided that such shall be established, consisting of small silver decorations to be worn on the arm, carrying with them extra pay of Tls. 2 per mensem, or Tls. 3 if the meritorious action is repeated a second time.

The same report draws attention to the fact that 1st-Class Constables and 1st-Class Sergeants, not promoted to the rank of Sergeant or Sub-Inspector respectively, have no opportunity for increasing their emoluments. An addition of Tls. 2 per mensem to the pay of each of these ranks, after completion respectively of two and five years therein, is therefore approved.

Traffic.

Motor Cars.—In comment upon the closing passage of the Captain-Superintendent's Report for December, and at his recommendation, it is decided to affix the photograph of every native chaffeur to the drivers' certificate issued by the Police under Condition 6 of the license. This certificate will be endorsed with particulars of each conviction for careless or furious driving.

Mixed Court.

Case of detention in the City.—With regard to the case of Chiu Shen-cho (邱訒初) detained in the City for debt, to which reference was made in the minutes of November 18 and 25 and December 9, a further communication from the Mixed Court Magistrate desires that the keys and safe now in Police custody, be handed over to the Native Authorities. The following letters record the Council's consequent action :—

Translation of letter from the Mixed Court Magistrate to the Captain-Superintendent of Police, dated December 25, 1908.

The Magistrate has to state that he has recently received a dispatch from the Taotai to the following effect:—"With reference to the failure of the Yuan Yuan Bank which owes large amounts both to officials and merchants, the Taotai, finding that it is owed monies by a shop in Chefoo, proposes to depute someone to proceed there to

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settle the matter. As a result also of a petition to the same end, a letter was prepared by the Taotai's office addressed to the Chefoo Customs Taotai, asking him to give the necessary directions, and this document was sent to the Chinese Chamber of Commerce for dispatch. The Taotai has now received a letter from the Chinese Chamber of Commerce, Southern Branch Office, to the effect that, in connexion with the settlement of these accounts certain books are necessary as evidence, which are in the Shun Ching Hong situated in the English Settlement; that the City Magistrate addressed the Mixed Court Magistrate asking for co-operative action in their seizure, but that the Police did not permit the Accountant of the Shun Ching Hong, named Huang Tun-fu to hand over the keys of the safe to the Chamber of Commerce for this purpose; that yesterday, just when preparations were being made for Chu and Huang Tun-fu both to proceed to Chefoo, Huang Tun-fu was unexpectedly arrested by Police of the English Settlement; that on going to the Police Station it was found that Huang was accused by, and arrested at the instance of, Chiu Lan-ting, the brother of Chiu Shun-cho, charged with secretly taking away the keys; that although he was later released on the security of Messrs. Melchers & Co., it is specified in the security bond that on the following day he should hand over the keys to the Police; that the Police are now urgently pressing for them to be handed over, but that if they are in fact handed over, it is much to be feared that obstacles of other kinds will arise. The Chamber therefore handed these keys to the Taotai requesting him to send them to the Mixed Court Magistrate who would direct runners to co-operate with the Police, and, under the superintendence of the Accountant of the Yuan Yuan Bank proceed to the Shun Ching Hong and taking out the account books therein deposited, would hand them to the Mixed Court for dispatch to the Taotai who would then, after due consideration, hand them over to the Chamber.

On receipt of this communication the Taotai directs the Mixed Court Magistrate to take note and proceed accordingly."

On receipt of this dispatch, and its enclosure of the 13 keys in question, the Mixed Court Magistrate besides directing runners to open the safe and take away the books, now addresses a special letter trusting that the Captain-Superintendent will take note and promptly give directions for detectives and Police to be deputed to co-operate with the Court's runners; and with the superintendence of the Accountant of the Yuan Yuan Bank proceed to the Shun Ching Hong, open the safe, take out the account books deposited therein, count their number and hand them over to the runners, to be brought to the Court in order that they may be sent to the Taotai's yamên for his consideration, and for their issue to the Chinese Chamber of Commerce, thus greatly obliging. With compliments.

Council Room,
Shanghai, January 19, 1909.

SIR,—I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of December 25, addressed to the Captain-Superintendent of Police, on the subject of the failure of the Yuan Yuan Bank which is stated to involve the seizure of the account books of the Shun Ching Hong at No. 190 Canton Road, and requesting the co-operation of the Police in opening the safe belonging to the hong in question with the keys which were forwarded to you through the Chinese Chamber of Commerce and the Taotai.

In reply, I am directed to point out that the arrest of Chiu Chun-cho, the Manager of this hong, and a resident of the Settlement, was effected by a ruse of which it is clear the City Authorities must have been aware when they detained him.

This point was the subject of representations to the Consular Body as early as November 16, and on December 9, upon learning of the issue of an order for the seizure of the books in question the Council again addressed the Consular Body, pointing out the difficulty of taking any such action until a *primâ facie* hearing of the case against Chiu Shun-cho had been held in the Mixed Court.

Such hearing would be in accordance with the requirements of routine procedure, and, in its absence, the Council regrets that the request contained in your letter cannot be complied with.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

PAO YI, Esq.,
Mixed Court Magistrate.

Council Room,
Shanghai, January 19, 1909.

SIR,—In continuation of my letters of November 16 and December 9, on the subject of the detention in the City Magistrate's yamên of Chiu Shun-cho, I have the honour to hand you, herein enclosed, copies of a letter from the Mixed Court Magistrate and the Council's reply thereto, wherefrom it will be seen that circumstances have furnished the opportunity for insisting upon the *primâ facie* hearing of the case in the Mixed Court to which this resident in the Settlement is entitled.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,
DAVID LANDALE,
Chairman.

D. SIFFERT, Esq.,
Consul-General for Belgium,
and Senior Consul.

Plague Prevention.

A special number of the Municipal Gazette dealing exclusively with this subject is authorized for issue on Saturday, January 30.

Statistics.—Of 176 rats found dead between January 16 and 23, excluding trapped rats, 4 have been pronounced in the Laboratory to be plague infected.

Public Band.

The minutes of the meeting of the Band Committee of Friday, January 15, are read and confirmed. There were present:—

Messrs. C. Fink (*Chairman*)
F. J Burrett
O. Meuser
The Conductor and
Assistant Secretary.

Public Performances.—It is decided to discontinue the Wednesday evening concerts held in the Town Hall, the small attendance having proved that they are in excess of public requirements.

Engagements.—The procedure now followed as publicly notified in June, whereby the Conductor is required to be present at the Central Offices at 9.30 a.m. daily for interviews and for the purpose of taking note of engagements, having been found to be inconvenient, it is decided that, for personal interviews, he will be present at his office at the Town Hall daily from 9.30 to 10.30, and during the rehearsals which generally follow.

[*Other minutes of this meeting relate to complaints recently made in connexion with services of the Band at certain social functions, and to matters of internal organization and discipline arising therefrom.*]

Street Encroachments

Projecting Private Lamps.—A report by the Engineer draws attention to the recent increase in the number of private lamps projecting over the sidewalk in Nanking Road, Broadway, and elsewhere; he suggests more careful Police supervision, and the levy of a fee of Tls. 0.50 per lamp permitted. In the course of the discussion which ensues, it appears that no request for this privilege is customarily refused, and that the necessity for permits lies in preventing the acquisition by the owner concerned of a vested right to the easement. The Council considers that the system of permits should be carefully maintained, and directs the close attention of the Police to the matter.

Road Extensions and Widenings.

Ward Road.—The continuation of this road, at the suggestion of the Police, beyond the Yangtszepoo Creek to the vicinity of Yinghsiangkong village, is authorized at the usual low rate per mow, for native-owned land; and the Engineer's proposal to render this improvement more serviceable by the completion of Extension, No. 62 in the Eastern District, Section B, is also approved. The latter extension will connect the village with the Yangtszepoo Road, and the deviation of the southern portion about 130 feet eastward is authorized, provided the assent of the foreign owners concerned can be obtained.

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Road Extension 26 Eastern.—Owing to the construction of the culvert at the intersection of the Rangoon and the above roads the removal of a grave is rendered necessary, and the surrender of Mow 0.092 of graveland, together with the removal of five coffins thereon, for the sum of $50, is noted. Of the above area, Mow 0.028 will remain for use or sale hereafter as surplus land.

Bubbling Well Road.—The incorporation of the vacant land and ditch on the south side of this road, between Yates and Medhurst Roads, and the re-planting of trees to the new line, at an estimated cost of Tls. 1,500, is authorized.

Election of Council for 1909.

With regard to recent comment in the Press on the list issued of persons eligible as Councillors, the Chairman explains the action taken by the Finance Committee in the matter, as follows:—

Under Article XIX of the Land Regulations the list of persons qualified to vote is subject to revision and correction by the Secretary of the Council annually on December 1; in practice, however, the list is brought up to December 31 before issue, and it has been customary to send out with the corrected list a further list of those persons who are eligible for election.

The alteration in the taxation schedule in March last, rendered this duty of exceptional importance inasmuch as a large number of new Voters were being included for the first time.

Working upon the interpretation of the Article which has been in force in former years, by which ratepayers have qualified to be Members of Council on payment annually of Tls. 50 in rates and taxes, the anomaly displayed itself that a greater number of persons were qualified as Councillors than were qualified to vote. For whereas by the assessment of premises at Tls. 420 a ratepayer at 12 per cent pays more than Tls. 50 per annum, he requires an assessment of Tls. 500 to qualify as a voter.

Closer reading of the Article showed that the requirements for a householder, not being also a landrenter, are (i) to be a Councillor he must pay at least Tls. 144 per annum (i.e., 12 per cent on an assessment of Tls. 1,200) and (ii) to be a voter he must pay at least Tls. 60 per annum (i.e., 12 per cent on an assessment of Tls. 500).

The Committee thereupon directed the revision, correction and issue of the lists upon these lines, noting that the Article provides for publication in such manner as the Council shall think proper, and that the lists would be in the hands of the public six days before the nominations closed.

Admitting that a premonitory minute would have avoided the appearance of arbitrary action, and that it is a matter for regret that the effect of the new interpretation in excluding so large a number of names was not studied earlier in the year, the Council considers that there was no alternative to the course which was followed.

Resignation of Member.

Alluding to the fact that Mr. Burkill is about to proceed to England, and to his consequent resignation of his seat on the Council, the Chairman expresses appreciation of the valuable services which Mr. Burkill has rendered as Chairman of the Watch Committee during the year. The members' cordial endorsement is recorded.

The meeting adjourns at 5.50 p.m.

Public Band.

The programme for Sunday, January 31, will be as follows:—

1.—Overture
"William Tell" ...Rossini
2.—Entracte No. 3
"Rosamund" ...Schubert
3.—Theme with Variations from Suite No. 3 in G major... ...Tschaikowsky

4.—Symphony in F minor
"Irish"... ... ...Stanford
Final movement only
5.—a) "Mountain Solitude" Svendsen
b) Miniature Suite...E. Hartmann
1.—"May Festival"
2.—"Jester's Song"
3.—"Peasant's Dance"
6.—Overture "Robespierre" Litolff

Conductor-in-charge, Mr. R. Buck.

The attendance at the Sunday performances has been as follows:—

January 10	1909	... ...	870
„ 17	„	... ...	562
„ 24	„	... ...	891

Health Department.

Notification of Infectious Disease.

The following have been reported during the week ending Sunday January 24, 1909.	Death among Chinese population of 550,000	Cases notified among Non-Chinese population of 15,000.
Small-pox.	0	0
Cholera.	0	0
Typhoid Fever	—	0
Diphtheria.	1	1
Scarlet Fever.	0	0
Tuberculosis	17	0
Plague	0	0
Total Deaths from all Causes	106	2

Arthur Stanley,
Health Officer.

Report of Captain-Superintendent of Police for December.

Strength of the Force on Dec. 31, 1908.

Officers	8
Foreigners	214
Indians	556
Chinese	1006
Total ...	1,784

The year 1908 closed quietly and there is little of general interest to remark upon during the past month.

The end of the old year was remarkable for an outbreak of fires of an usually serious kind. In the case of one godown alone the value of the insurance reached Tls. 210,000.

There were two cases of fires in foreign houses, both of which there is every reason to believe were the result of arson by Europeans. In the first case two foreigners were implicated, a man and a woman. The man, Paul Floer, a British subject, was tried in H.M. Supreme Court and sentenced for arson to two years' imprisonment.

The second case of suspected arson took place at the Travellers' Hotel. In this three foreigners were implicated against whom circumstantial evidence of a very convincing character had been accumulated. The disappearance from Shanghai of one of those concerned defeated justice; it being considered doubtful if a conviction would be obtained without all three men suspected being arrested and charged together.

Traffic.—The traffic problem is at the present moment the most difficult question which has to be faced.

During the year now passed the number of motor-driven vehicles has increased to such an extent that the control of them forms a question by itself. Experience points to the necessity of more stringent rules for the registration and control of chauffeurs, also to the establishment of some such system as is everywhere in force in Europe with regard to the endorsement of drivers' certificates with particulars of each conviction for careless driving.

Here follow tables of persons coming under the notice of the Police for criminal and other offences, punishments inflicted, prisoners in custody, vehicle licenses suspended and confiscated, dogs captured, etc., value of property stolen and recovered, and warrants and summonses.

C. D. Bruce,
Captain-Superintendent of Police.

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Return of Persons coming under notice of Police for Criminal and other Offences.

Offences.	Foreigners	Natives	Total
(a) OFFENCES AGAINST THE PERSON:—			
Murder		3	3
Manslaughter	1	4	5
Attempted suicide		2	2
Cutting and wounding		4	4
Assault	4	79	83
Kidnapping		72	72
Cruelty to or trafficking in women or children		10	10
Infringement of copyright		1	1
(b) OFFENCES AGAINST RIGHTS OF PROPERTY:—			
Robbery		4	4
Embezzlement		10	10
Extortion		25	25
Burglary		22	22
Housebreaking		18	18
Obtaining goods or money by false pretences	2	25	27
Fraud		6	6
Receiving stolen property		10	10
Unlawful possession		34	34
Arson	1	4	5
Malicious injury		1	1
Larceny	5	451	456
Civil Offences:—Debt		28	28
Breach of contract		25	25
Others		17	17
Gaol breaking and cutting and wounding		2	2
Uttering counterfeit or defacing coins		12	12
(c) ACTS INJURIOUS TO THE PUBLIC:—			
Common nuisances		1,541	1,541
Vagrancy	1	102	103
Returning after expulsion		16	16
Disorderly and improper conduct	11	181	192
Soliciting prostitution		55	55
Depositing garbage		97	97
Traffic:—Furious driving or riding	1	12	13
Obstruction		1,669	1,669
Storing straw in excessive quantity		2	2
Storing kerosine in excess		1	1
Arms, unlawful carrying		3	3
Public gambling		40	40
Illegal arrest or detention		3	3
Insanitary premises		3	3
Criminal negligence (fire)		4	4
Cruelty to animals	1	5	6
Escaping from custody	1		1
Sedition	1	1	2
Miscellaneous		32	32
Breach of license conditions:—Dog	9	3	12
Wine-shop		3	3
Club		3	3
Tea-shop		4	4
Pawn-shop		7	7
Opium-shop		1	1
Lodging-house		5	5
Building		1	1
(d) NOT CHARGED:—			
Beggars, Hawkers, Ragpickers		3,427	3,427
Others	43	325	368
Total	81	8,415	8,496

Return of Sentences.

Sentence.	Foreigners	Natives	Total
Imprisonment	7	514	521
Cangue		5	5
Expulsion or deportation		8	3
Fined	15	341	356
Imprisonment and cangue		2	2
" " expulsion or deportation	1	93	94
" " fined	1	9	10
" cangue and expulsion		2	2
Bail forfeited		3,264	3,264
Remanded	2	88	90
Cautioned		25	25
Dismissed	3	77	80
Released on Security	2	81	83
Left to Court		47	47
Handed to parents or guardians		17	17
Sent to Reformatory		4	4
" Slave Girls' Refuge		3	3
" Sinza Refuge		56	56
" Door of Hope		4	4
" Native Authorities		2	2
Charge withdrawn		8	8
Handed to husband		1	1
Sent to French Mixed Court		1	1
Sent to French Police		1	1
Property confiscated		9	9
Died in Police custody		1	1
Sent on board ship for punishment	5		5
Handed to British Prison Authorities to be dealt with	1		1
Committed for trial	1		1
Total	38	4,663	4,701

Prisoners in Custody on December 31, 1908.

Central Station	69
Louza Station	61
Hongkew Station	81
West Hongkew Station	41
Harbin Road Sub-Station	16
Wayside Station	28
Gaol	931
Yangtszepoo Station	25
Sinza Station	46
Bubbling Well Station	17
Total	1,306

Vehicle Licenses.

	Suspended	Confiscated
Riesha	1,034	1,964
Wheelbarrow	17	1
Handcart	3	—
Total	1,054	1,965

Value of Property Stolen between Nov. 28, 1908, and Jan. 1, 1909.

	Dollars
Stolen	69,729.10
Recovered	49,716.80

Warrants and Summonses.

	Issued	Executed or Served
Warrants	69	42
Summonses	155	123

Dogs.

At Kennels Nov. 30, 08	11	213
Captured	202	
Returned	12	213
Killed	190	
Remaining at Kennels	11	

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PLAGUE PREVENTION.

INDIVIDUAL MEASURES.

The following report by the Health Officer is issued with the object of informing the public of the present position of the Settlement regarding plague, and of the means which he recommends be adopted by individuals to prevent the spread of the disease.

General Prevalence of Plague.

Since 1894 when plague first appeared in Hongkong it has become pandemic. 1894 may be considered the date of the modern plague revival. Until 1898 it remained confined to Asia, but in that year spread to Africa and a year later made its appearance in Europe and America.

Although modern knowledge of plague and the methods of preventing its spread, when once introduced into a community, have enabled the authorities of some countries to hold it within reasonable bounds and prevent widespread mortality, it still remains in Hongkong after fifteen years and in Bombay after twelve years prevalence, notwithstanding the most strenuous attempts to get rid of it. In India, where plague appeared in 1896, the extent of territory invaded has gradually increased and in 1907 it caused 1,200,000 deaths. In the Far East since 1894 it has been epidemic in Amoy, Canton, Chaotchoo, Foochow, Fuceu, Hainan Island, Honan, Hongkong, Kaiping, Kuangtceuwan territory, Macao, Mongolia, Newchwang, Pakhoi, Pinchow, Kuangtung province generally, Swatow, Tongshan, Tscheklung, Tungkun, Yuenkiang; in Chinese Turkistan at Pameer; in French Indo-China at Hanoi and Saigon; in Japan at Hiogo, Kobe, Osaka, Nagasaki, Shikoku Island, Shizuoka prefecture, Tokio, Yokohama and in Formosa; in the Straits Settlements at Penang and Singapore; in Siam at Bangkok, Solang Island and Tongkak and in the Philippine Islands.

While in 1894 one country only was infected with plague, at the present time fifty-one countries have been infected. It is evident that the greatest care is now demanded to prevent the introduction of plague and if introduced to adopt measures to prevent its spread.

Plague among Rats in Shanghai.

As regards Shanghai, cases of plague have been found on board the following ships at the Customs Sanitary Station at Woosung, namely: str. Glenturret 1898; str. Gaelic 1899; str. Ballaarat 1902: and str. Australien in 1904. Little is known as to infection among rats on ships coming to Shanghai.

A case of plague, confirmed by examination in the Laboratory, occurred at Hankow on November 30, 1908, on board a river boat, under conditions which pointed to the disease having been contracted in Shanghai. No human case having been, prior to this, either reported or suspected in the Settlement, an examination of rats found dead in the streets and alleys was made in the Laboratory. On December 8, the first plague rats were discovered and since then they have been found almost daily. These rats have mostly been found in the neighbourhood of the wharves in the Eastern District. Plague has therefore been introduced into Shanghai by means of rats. Regarding the channel of introduction, there would appear to be little doubt that it has been brought by ships carrying plague-infected rats.

General Features of Plague.

Plague is an infective disease, caused by the plague bacillus, which may produce severe illness accompanied by painful swelling of the lymphatic glands (bubo), pneumonia or blood poisoning.

Rats are easily infected and spread the disease to other rats and to man by means of fleas. Prior to epidemics in man the disease prevails extensively among rats.

Infection from man to man is rare except in pneumonic cases, where infection is spread by the spit from the lungs during coughing and speaking. The greatest danger of infection is from the rat through its fleas. This is the reason why plague mostly occurs among the unclean classes. There is much less danger of persons in contact with cases of plague catching the disease than with measles or scarlet fever.

Forms of Plague.—Mild plague, where people, after a few days of fever, have bubo and may not be ill enough to seek medical advice. These cases are often found at the beginning and the end of epidemics.

Bubonic plague is the form in 80 per cent of cases and in half of these the glands in the groins are affected.

Septicæmic plague is due to general blood poisoning by the plague bacillus. Nearly all the cases die in three or four days, before buboes appear.

Pneumonic plague chiefly affects the lungs. Nearly all the cases are rapidly fatal. This form is contagious; through the spit which is infected with plague bacilli.

Course of Plague.—If left to run its course the number of rats found dead of plague in the streets and alleys would probably increase slightly until April when a great increase might be expected reaching its maximum early in June then decreasing to a minimum in October. Plague may be expected to become epidemic in man shortly after its increase among rats in April and prevail in like proportion except that though plague among rats may continue through the winter, human cases may not occur for some months during the minimum period.

Preventive measures will therefore have the greatest chance of success during the next three months, when it is hoped plague may be limited to rats. The success of the preventive measures will be indicated by a diminishing mortality among rats from plague and by cases not appearing in man.

Preventive Measures.

Plague has therefore been introduced into Shanghai and it becomes necessary to take measures to prevent its spread. The following are individual measures in contradistinction to public measures. The experience of many previous outbreaks in different parts of the world has clearly shown that, as a rule, plague first appears among rats and, when cases occur among human beings, it is usually got from rats infected with plague, the carrier of infection being the flea. When a rat dies, the fleas leave the body when cold and attach themselves to a living rat, as the rat flea is a variety usually found only on rats, but, a rat not being available, another animal, such as man, may become the host. The flea from the rat dead of plague may be infected and may then by its bite infect the person on whom it settles. Thus plague usually spreads and thus is explained the marked incidence on those classes which are prone to vermin and dirt. Plague rarely attacks white people in the Orient. In hospitals, where there are no rats and no fleas, plague rarely spreads to other cases or to the nurses and doctors, except in the pneumonic form which is infective through the spit.

For all practical purposes plague among rats forms the chief objective against which anti-plague measures are directed. Infection from human cases is comparatively rare and unimportant for preventive purposes. The rat is the essential cause of epidemics, the flea being the carrier of the infection from rat to rat and from rat to man. The dictum 'No Rats No Plague' furnishes a good working basis. A house that is rat proof is for all practical purposes plague proof. Plague preventive measures are therefore directed chiefly against the rat. The most successful

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measure would be the extermination of the rat. So far this has been found impossible. Large sums of money have been expended in attempts to rid places infected with plague of rats by trapping, poisoning and by rat virus, which is supposed to spread a fatal infectious disease peculiar to rats. None of these have, however, proved effectual in reducing the rat population. The relatively great fecundity of the rat enables it to easily fill any gaps thus made. Reproduction keeps pace with destruction. The rat population appears to be limited only by the supply of food available, so that measures having for their object the limitation of their food supply, such as careful collection of garbage, keeping house refuse in properly covered receptacles, keeping food supplies in rat-proof places both in the house and stable, and general cleanliness about the house, alley and street, would be more likely to have good result. Trapping and poisoning is applicable in individual households and to plague-infected areas as a special measure under skilled direction.

As a general measure all these artificial methods such as trapping and poisoning are laborious and expensive and at the same time comparatively inefficient. It is better therefore to adopt one of nature's own methods of exterminating the rat and the most efficacious probably is the cat, the natural enemy of the rat.

Cats as Exterminators of Plague.

Although thousands of rats may be killed by traps and poison, no appreciable diminution in the rat population is effected. Nevertheless the rat is the chief agent in the diffusion of plague. It is necessary, therefore, to look to nature for some more effectual method of demurization. The cat is well known as the natural enemy of the rat. The utilization of the cat is probably the best means of accomplishing rat destruction as a measure against plague. Every house according to size, should possess one or more cats, which should not be too well fed, so as to encourage them to hunt rats and mice. Every place frequented by rats should be accessible to cats, especially the roof space. Kittens should on no account be destroyed, but should, when they are able to live apart from the mother, be given to those not possessing cats or be sent to the Health Officer who will make arrangements for their distribution where most required. Cat shows might be held and prizes given for animals of approved ability as ratters.

How to catch Rats.

Rats are chiefly to be found where food is available. In godowns where piece-goods and hardware are stored there will be few. Rats like house refuse, so that it is especially necessary to have a proper covered receptacle, which must be kept covered, particularly at night. If rats are deprived of their usual food they are more likely to be trapped or poisoned. As the rat most commonly found in Shanghai is the black rat, which usually lives in hollow ceilings, a good position for placing traps and poison is in the roof space. This place has also the advantage of being away from children and domestic pets.

Traps.—The large wire cage trap gives good results where rats are plentiful. Before setting, the lever should be tested to see that it works properly. Place the trap where rats usually go for food or in a run. Disturb the surroundings as little as possible. It is sometimes well to place the trap near dripping water, as the rats may go there to drink. If the trap be set in straw or wood, it should be covered with the same material. When this is not possible, it should be covered with a piece of sacking, or placed in a dark corner or beneath the floors or in the roof space. When trapping in a neighbourhood where rats are known to exist, the traps should not be moved for three or four days unless they have rats in them, as it is well for the rats to become accustomed to seeing the traps and thus careless about entering them.

Snap or spring traps are best for use in houses and shops and may be placed in the runs and on beams and shelves. They should be kept out of the way of small children. The trap may be disguised by covering it with a little sawdust or dirt. The trap should be placed in a corner or close to the wall on a flat surface. In food godowns and food shops large numbers of rats may be frequently trapped by using a barrel or garbage tin having a carefully balanced metal top. A large piece of strong cheese is placed in the middle of the cover and a plank laid from the floor to the edge of the barrel. The rat runs up the plank and on the smooth lid which tips sending the rat into the barrel, which contains sufficient water for drowning.

Baits.—The rat is an epicure. The bait should be frequently changed. The bait should be such as the rat cannot usually procure. When meat is obtainable vegetables are the best bait, while where vegetables are plentiful, fresh liver or fish heads or a little grain is best. The following are suitable baits: fish, fish heads, raw meat, cheese, smoked fish, fresh liver, cooked corned beef, fried bacon, carrots and tallow. The bait should be fastened to the inner side of the top of the large wire trap with a piece of fine wire. A few grains of barley should be scattered near the entrance of the trap and a small piece of cheese or meat fastened to the pan with a bit of wire. It is often well to touch the pan with a feather which has been dipped in oil of anise.

Cleaning of Traps.—When it is found that a trap does not catch rats where they are known to exist, poison may be tried, but, very frequently, rats fight shy of a trap which smells of human hands or of dead rats. It is therefore necessary to smoke traps frequently with a piece of burning paper to take away this smell. The trap should not be handled after burning it out. Clean gloves may be used in handling the traps. Expert rat catchers are always careful to wear gloves. The traps are better stained an inconspicuous colour. About once a week traps should be thoroughly boiled in soda, which not only prevents the spring from rusting but effectually removes smells which may keep rats away.

Poisons, etc.—As rats soon get to know the danger of traps other methods of destruction should be alternated such as poisons or bird lime. A bird lime board is prepared by smearing a circle of bird lime round a piece of cheese or other attractive bait on a piece of board about a foot square. The rat gets entangled in the bird lime. A good poison is phosphorus paste (2 per cent of yellow phosphorus with a basis of sugar syrup and flour or tallow flavoured with oil of anise or rhodium) thickly spread on bread and dusted with flour. Small pieces of this poisoned bait may be placed overnight in or near rat holes or in the roof space. Cats or dogs will not eat it, but it should be kept beyond the reach of children.

Rat Proofing of Houses.

As important as those for the destruction of rats are measures for making houses rat proof. A rat-proof house is as proof against plague as a mosquito-proof house is proof against malaria. A house that is rat proof is for all practical purposes plague proof. In order to make a house rat proof it is necessary to provide no space where rats can settle down and breed. For a rat to breed it is necessary to have a food supply available and a secluded spot for its nest. The food supply of the rat is cut off by general measures of cleanliness, by always keeping house refuse in properly covered receptacles and by keeping ordinary foodstuffs in places inaccessible to rats. In order to eliminate places where rats may find seclusion it is necessary to do away with all hollow spaces that cannot be easily got at, such as lath and plaster partitions, hollow spaces below the floor and roof spaces. The ventilated space usually provided below the ground floor should either be filled in solid with tar macadam or other suitable material or the gratings should be such as will keep out rats and be properly cemented in. When these hollow spaces cannot be done away with, special care should be taken to examine the house frequently and carefully from top to bottom and plaster or cement up any rat hole. Rats are most persistent animals and, if they find food anywhere about a house, will attempt over and over again to make an entrance into the roof space or below the floors or into lath and plaster partitions so as to make a home for themselves. Plastering up the holes they make in lath and plaster partitions and setting traps and poison can generally be relied on to keep the house free of rats, if carried out with perseverance. In old houses, however, it frequently happens that the floors and roof space are riddled with rat runs and in these cases it becomes a much more difficult matter. After a thorough use of trapping and poisoning in all the hollow spaces, cats should be introduced, an opening being made for them into the roof space and, if possible, below the floors. It is, however, not a difficult matter to take up floors and fill in the

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hollow space with such a light material as sawdust and lime mortar which will keep out rats. In foreign houses the the roof space provides a permanent home for rats and it so happens that the rat which is most prevalent in Shanghai, the black rat, makes its home usually in the roof. The cat is perhaps the best available rat proofer of this part of the house. In making Chinese houses rat proof the following points should be considered:—All places which serve as homes or runs for rats should be done away with such as defective drains, open spaces below the ground floor, especially when imperfectly closed to rats, ceilings, stair linings, walls not built solid and especially loose bricks and open spaces along the wooden poles and framework. It is very necessary to move the furniture from time to time so as to prevent rats making nests and to frequently and carefully inspect every corner of the house so as to ensure that the plaster work is intact and, when rat holes are found, to set traps and poison and have them properly plastered up.

As the rat is the chief agent in the spread of plague and as a house that is rat proof is for all practical purposes plague proof it follows that, if all houses in the Settlement could be made rat proof, the Settlement could be guaranteed proof against an epidemic of plague. And in this connexion it should be remembered that this Settlement is unfortunately surrounded by insanitary districts over which there is no proper municipal control. There are about 3,000 foreign houses and 50,000 Chinese houses in the Settlement. A rough estimate of Tls. 250 each for rat proofing 3,000 foreign houses would amount to Tls. 750,000 and Tls. 25 for each Chinese house would amount to Tls. 1,250,000. This would be approximately the cost of insurance against plague. Two million taels as a capital charge works out less than fire insurance and the risk of plague is far greater. Plague means annual epidemics with a big death roll, partial depopulation of the Settlement and diminished trade. House-owners would therefore be well advised to make their houses, as far as possible, rat proof so as to ensure against loss of rent by houses plague-stricken through rats and to protect the best interests of the Settlement as a commercial centre.

Personal Prophylaxis.

Apart from general measures of cleanliness about the person and house, deprivation of rats of their food, the rat proofing of houses and the keeping of cats, there is another method, of the nature of vaccination, which is always available in Shanghai. Plague vaccine has been prepared in the Shanghai Municipal Laboratory and has been kept ready for some years to meet the demand when plague came. This vaccine consists of a suspension of dead plague bacilli in water. The injection of a small quantity of this in the beginning of each year would, even if no other measures were taken, secure adequate protection against plague in a community which universally adopted it.

Plague vaccination is a thoroughly safe and efficient measure. It reduces the liability to attack to less than one-third of what it is in the unvaccinated. And in the one-third of cases which still occur the recovery rate is at least double that in the unvaccinated attacked and further, that in a vaccinated European an attack of plague, if it subsequently occurs, has so far ended in recovery. Plague vaccination is therefore a method of preventing plague which can be recommended. The vaccine is made in the Municipal Laboratory and will be available free of charge to any resident foreign or Chinese. If no other method was taken to prevent plague, an injection of plague vaccine before the beginning of the plague season, say in January each year, would be effective in preventing epidemic.

Plague vaccination is done by injecting, with a hypodermic syringe, a small quantity of the prophylactic into the upper arm where small-pox vaccination is done. It results in some local pain and swelling and a little fever for a day or two, but the discomfort is considerably less than that which follows ordinary vaccination. As a rule it does not necessitate remaining away from the office.

When a case of plague has already occurred in a household it would be preferable to inject all those not sick with plague serum, which produces immediate though fleeting immunity, and follow it up by plague vaccination.

What to do when Plague breaks out in any Household.

If a case of sickness suspected of being plague should occur in any household, a doctor should be sent for immediately. The procedure will then be the same as for other infectious disease, e.g., notification to the Health Officer who will make inquiry as to origin, etc., isolation either at home or preferably at the Isolation Hospital and subsequently disinfection by the Health Office staff, which will also take measures for the destruction of rats and rat proofing the house. The use of anti-plague serum has been shown to be of benefit, if injected intravenously sufficiently early in the disease and in sufficiently large doses. A supply of this anti-plague serum is kept at the Municipal Laboratory and will be supplied at cost price

Any rats found dead in or about a house should be sent to the Health Officer for examination for plague after dipping them in strong Jeyes' fluid and water. Rats trapped, poisoned or dead of obvious injury need not be sent but should be burnt.

Rats on Ships.

Not only do rats cause great damage to certain cargoes but ships carrying plague-infected rats are the usual means of conveying plague from place to place. It is doubly necessary, therefore, to free ships from rats. Cats are most suitable for this purpose and ten to thirty or more may be carried with advantage. Trapping and poisoning may also be carried out. Rats should be deprived of food as far as possible. The installation of an apparatus for generation of sulphur dioxide gas, such as the Clayton apparatus for destroying vermin, disinfecting and fire extinguishing, may be recommended. The best time to deal with rats is when the ship is empty.

In order to protect the ship when in a port infected with plague and to protect the port when a ship comes to it from a plague-infected port, the ship should not, if possible, come alongside the wharves, but moor at least a quarter of a mile away. Where vessels under such conditions, have to lie alongside wharves they should be breasted or fended off for a distance of at least 6 feet; all lines connecting the vessel with the wharves should be provided with rat funnels, and for a distance of at least 2 feet between the shore and the opening of the funnels the line should be copiously tarred, gangways connecting vessels with the wharf should be guarded during the day and at night should be removed or well raised from the decking of the wharf.

Summary of Individual Measures for Preventing Plague

NO RATS. NO PLAGUE!

A house that is RAT PROOF IS PLAGUE PROOF.

Keep CATS.

Rid your house from rats also by TRAPPING AND POISONING.

Make your house as RAT PROOF as possible.

PROVIDE NO FOOD FOR RATS. Keep all food in places inaccessible to rats. Grain and such like food for ponies, fowls, etc., should be kept in covered galvanized iron receptacles. See that your servants keep their rice bags where rats cannot get. Keep house refuse in properly covered galvanized iron receptacles and see that they are covered, especially at night. Keep the kitchen and its surroundings very clean: let no refuse lie about.

See that the gratings into the SPACE BELOW THE GROUND FLOOR keep out rats and that the brick work of the basement is impervious to rats.

See that all openings into covered drains are kept in good repair to prevent egress of SEWER RATS. Carefully inspect all corners of the house from top to bottom once weekly, moving furniture where necessary. Do the same in the stable, fowl house and other outhouses. Arrange for the PLASTERING UP OF RAT HOLES or any place that may afford ingress to rats and mice.

All rats trapped or poisoned should be burnt; other RATS FOUND DEAD in or about the house should not be touched with the hands but should be picked up with tongs, put into Jeyes' fluid and water (1 in 20) and sent to the Health Officer for examination for plague.

Get VACCINATED AGAINST PLAGUE in January in each year that plague threatens.

If you have any difficulty in carrying out the above measures COMMUNICATE WITH THE HEALTH OFFICER IN WRITING.

ARTHUR STANLEY,
Health Officer.

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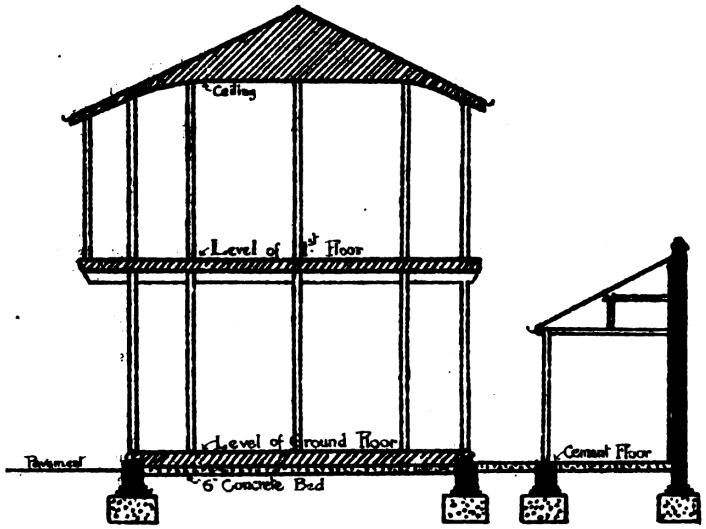
These Drawings shew the Hollow Spaces which may be frequented by Rats, under Floors, Roofs, etc. of the average Dwelling-House



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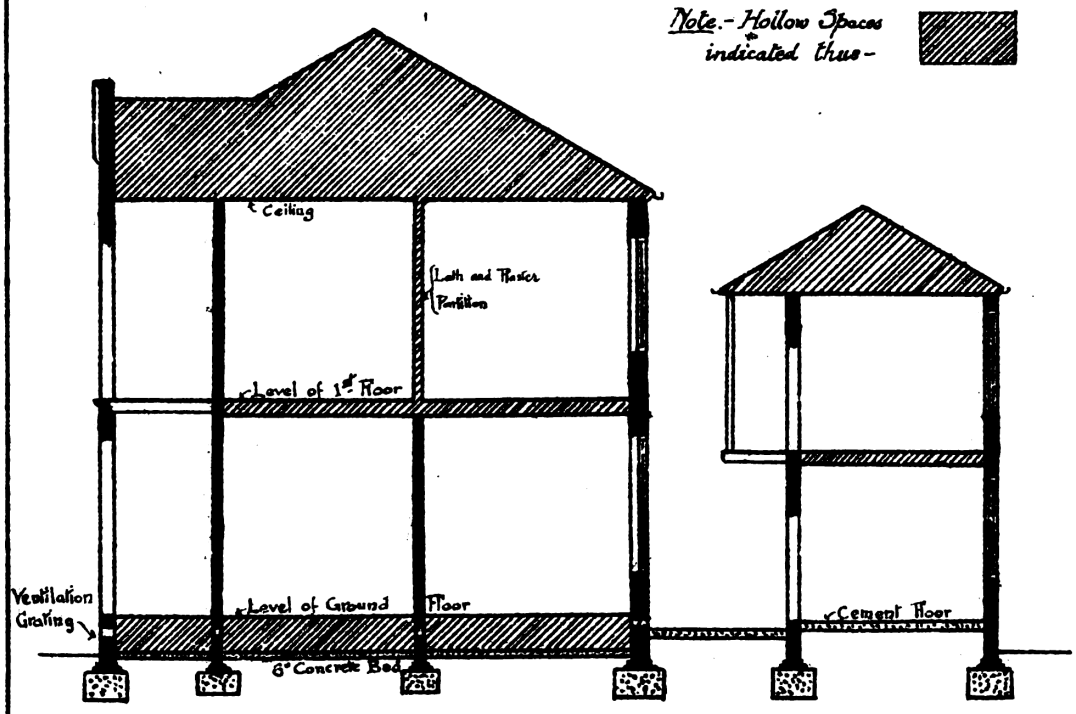

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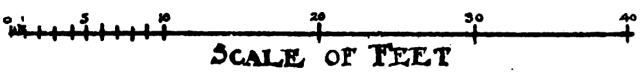

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MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION.
No. 1878.

PUBLIC SCHOOL.

THE attention of parents is directed to the following revised scale of monthly fees which has effect from this date :—

Upper School, for a day of 6 hours, $12
Lower School, for a day of 4½ hours, $8
Kindergarten for a day of 3 hours, $5
Extra Subjects :—

Piano	$5
Shortland	2
Chinese	1

For a family of two children a reduction of 20 per cent, and for one of three or more children a reduction of 33 1/3 per cent, will be made.

By order,
W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

Council Room,
Shanghai, January 4, 1908.

MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION.
No. 1885.

CLOSE SEASON FOR GAME.

THE public is hereby reminded that the sale of pheasants is prohibited after February 16, and that of deer, hare, partridges and all small birds after March 1.

No prohibition attaches to the sale of snipe, quail, woodcock and wild fowl.

By order,
W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

Council Room,
Shanghai, February 10, 1908.

MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION.
No. 1888.

TOWN HALL.

NOTICE is hereby given that the charge for the use of the Town Hall for dances or other social functions is Tls. 130 per diem, exclusive of the cost of electricity consumed.

The charge for the North Room only, inclusive of lighting, is Tls. 15 per diem or Tls. 10 for the afternoon only.

Applications should be addressed to the undersigned.

By order,
W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

Council Room,
Shanghai, February 10, 1908.

AT the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, January 27, 1909, at 4.30 p.m., there are present :

Messrs. D. Landale (*Chairman*)
W. D. Little
H. A. J. Macray
J. H. McMichael
O. Meuser
J. Prentice
The Secretary and
Assistant Secretary.

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

The minutes of the last meeting are read, confirmed, signed by the Chairman and passed for publication.

Police.

Japanese Interpreters.—With respect to the suggestion of the Japanese Consul-General as to the enlistment of Japanese in the Force, as formerly proposed by the Japanese Residents' Corporation in a communication which, with the Council's reply, was published with the minutes of September 30, it is decided to comply with Mr. Eitaki's request by gradually increasing the number of Japanese interpreters :—

Shanghai, December 15, 1908.

SIR,—In view of the large number of Japanese residents and their extensive shipping as well as commercial interests in Shanghai, I have the honour to request that you will kindly find your way to enlist a certain number of Japanese to the Municipal Police.

Experience at the Foreign Settlement in Chemulpo, Corea, amply proves the fact that the Japanese constables are capable and efficient in every description and give satisfaction to both foreign and native residents there.

The district in which the services of Japanese constables are wanted for the present is Hongkew, where thousands of Japanese seek their quarters.

In these circumstances I hope that my request will be favourably received by the Council.

In proposing the above to your consideration I beg to add that it is with greatest pleasure to render my services whenever required as regards the employment of such persons.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,
H. EITAKI,
Consul-General for Japan.

D. LANDALE, Esq.,
Chairman, Municipal Council.

Council Room,
Shanghai, December 17, 1908.

SIR,—I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of December 15, containing a proposal for the enlistment of a certain number of Japanese in the Police Force. This suggestion will have the attention of the Watch Committee at an early date, whereupon I will communicate further with you on the subject.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,
DAVID LANDALE,
Chairman.

H. EITAKI, Esq.,
Consul-General for Japan.

Council Room,
Shanghai, January 27, 1909.

SIR,—In continuation of my letter of December 17, I have now the honour to inform you that the Council has decided to adopt your suggestion with regard to the enlistment in the Police Force of a certain number of additional Japanese interpreters (detectives) for duty especially in the Northern District, where the preponderance of Japanese residents is marked.

The importance of securing trained and disciplined men for this work cannot be too highly emphasised, and the Council has pleasure in accepting your offer of assistance in arranging for their enlistment. The increase will be introduced gradually, and with your permission the Captain Superintendent, Lieutenant-Colonel Bruce, will discuss with you on the subject of his requirements.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,
DAVID LANDALE,
Chairman.

H. EITAKI, Esq.,
Consul-General for Japan.

Opium Houses.

A police report on the subject of opium smoking states that in the Native City there are seven establishments where opium may be bought and smoked surreptitiously, and the names and addresses of these houses have accordingly been communicated to the Senior Consul for the Taotai's information.

Council Room,
Shanghai, January 26, 1909.

SIR,—With reference to the question of the closing of opium houses in Shanghai, and to the statement by the Native authorities that these establishments so far as the Native City is

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concerned, have ceased to operate, I have the honour to state that information has reached the Council that the following seven houses within the limits of the City remain open for the consumption of the drug:—

No. 4 Loh Ka Dza
No. 88 Yuan See Ka
No. 91 Ta Bing Ka
No. 114 Dao So Zang Ka
No. 78 Zao Chow Road
No. 91 Se Mung Ka.
Dao Zien Ka

the last named house has no number. It is four doors from the entrance to the Taotai's yamen on the east side, and is used exclusively by the yamen runners.

The Council considers it possible that the Taotai may not be aware of this state of affairs, and desires that the Consular Body may concur in the advisability of communicating with him on the subject.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,
DAVID LANDALE,
Chairman.

D. SIFFERT, Esq.,
Consul-General for Belgium,
and Senior Consul.

Mixed Court.

Letter from the American Consul-General is read, informing the Council of the nature of the admission by the Native Authorities of irregular procedure in the case of the revolutionary Chang Kung. The results of Mr. Denby's action in this matter are regarded by the members as very satisfactory, and the correspondence is ordered for publication:—

Council Room,
Shanghai, December 29, 1908.

SIR,—I have the honour to bring to your notice an incident described in the enclosed copies of Police Reports, with reference to which correspondence has recently passed between the Captain Superintendent of Police and your Consular Assessor at the Mixed Court. Therefrom it appears that an emissary of the Viceroy named Mi Chan Yuan describing himself as a Major General, has been conducting detective investigations in the Settlement both personally, and through his assistants, independently of the Police in order to discover and apprehend an alleged revolutionary named Chang Kung alias Wan Ping.

From the statement which this emissary made to the Police it is to be noted that he was in the Settlement for the admitted purpose of conducting investigations, and himself saw the prisoner in a native theatre in Hoopeh Road on December 12 or 13. On December 15 a warrant for his arrest was received by the Police from the Mixed Court. In continuation, however, of the independent unauthorized procedure so far pursued, the assistants of this emissary, one of whom was a soldier, sought to effect the arrest of the accused, and were induced to desist only when the altercation attracted the notice of an Indian policeman.

I am confident of your support in the view that irregular action of this kind should upon discovery be the subject of energetic protest, for it may expose innocent native residents to considerable danger, and unless it is firmly checked, the Settlement may come to be regarded as a convenient field for the practice of those grave abuses which the Council has unceasingly endeavoured to prevent.

I have therefore to express the hope that before decision by the Court as to whether the case against the prisoner warrants his eventual transfer to the Native Authorities, you will take such action as will secure clear acknowledgment that their conduct on this occasion constitutes a departure from the principle whereby all police and detective duties in the Settlement are performed by the Municipal Police and by no other means.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,
DAVID LANDALE,
Chairman.

C. DENBY, Esq.,
American Consul-General.

Statement made by the Viceroy's emissary, Mi Chan Yuan, dated December 16, 1908.

My name is Mi Chan Yuan and I hold the rank of a Major General under the Viceroy of Nanking. On November 28 I was ordered by the Viceroy to effect the arrest of Chang Kung, who was supposed to be in hiding in Shanghai. I sent five of my subordinates to Shanghai to look for this man, and on December 5, I received a letter from one of my seconds, Chen Kwei Hsi, who stated that he had seen Chang Kung in a Foochow Road lodging house.

I did not believe him and came to Shanghai myself to investigate.

I myself saw Chang Kung in the Hoopeh Road theatre on December 12, and next day I requested the Taotai to issue a warrant for his arrest, which I understand was done.

I then instructed my second, Chen Kwei Hsi, to call a policeman and arrest Chang Kung on sight, which he did this morning.

Police Report dated December 16, 1908.

I P C 265 states: At 0.45 a.m on December 16, I was on duty at the corner of Nanking and Shanse Roads when I saw some Chinese quarrelling. On enquiring what the trouble was, I was informed by a man who was holding another man by the hands, that the latter was a loafer, and on request of the former I took the man into custody and conveyed him to Louza Police Station.

Council Room,
Shanghai, January 25, 1909.

Sir,—With reference to my letter of December 29, on the subject of the performance of unauthorised detective work in the Settlement by the Native Authorities in connexion with the case of Chang Kung, the revolutionary, I have the honour to inform you that from a report of the proceedings in the Mixed Court on January 19, the Council observes that it was stated in the judgment that an admission of the irregularity committed has been made by the Native Authorities.

I have therefore the honour to enquire whether this admission was of a sufficiently formal character to justify the expectation that similar action of the kind will not be repeated in the future, for if this is the result of the representations which you have been good enough to make, the Council's object in drawing attention to the matter has been fully attained.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,
DAVID LANDALE,
Chairman.

C. DENBY, Esq.
American Consul-General.

JUDGMENT IN THE CASE.

The accused in this case it charged by the Viceregal Authorities at Nanking with being a leader of insurgents or rebels (t'ou fei mu) and with having led a riot in Chin-hua Prefecture, Chekiang, last year, and his extradition to Nanking has been requested.

The accused was arrested on the 16th ultimo and arraigned before the Mixed Court on the following day, and the Court held that before his extradition to Nanking could be effected a preliminary hearing must be held by the Mixed Court to determine (a) the identity of the prisoner and (b) whether or not the character of residence within the Settlement was such as to entitle him to be tried before the Mixed Court, should the charges against him be found to be well laid and to be such as come within the jurisdiction of this Court; and on the 12th instant the prisoner, defended by Counsel, was arraigned for trial and the charges against him thoroughly examined by the Court. Two witnesses from Chekiang, sent by the Governor of that province, testified that they had known the accused for years: that he was the man mentioned in the warrant issued by the Mixed Court Magistrate at the instance of the Shanghai Taotai acting under the instructions from the Viceory: that he had been the ringleader in a riot in Chinhua Prefecture, Chekiang, last year and that he had fled from the Province when he learned that a warrant for his arrest had been issued.

The accused upon examination by the Court, denied that he was the person mentioned in the Mixed Court warrant and, further, that he was engaged in the riot in Chin-hua Prefecture.

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He stated that he was a student and that during the last few years he had continued his studies in Japan, returning occasionally to his native place in Chekiang for his holidays; that his object in having in his possession the mass of revolutionary and anarchistic literature and illustrations found in his quarters in Ningpo Road and produced before the Court was for the improvement of his mind, but that this improvement had not progressed to a point where he felt called upon to select a vocation in life; and that he had arrived in Shanghai on December 2nd. on his way from Japan to his native place. No witnesses or evidence other than the statements of the accused were presented to the Court in his defence.

The Court therefore finds that the prisoner is Chang Kung, the accused mentioned in the Mixed Court warrant and the person wanted by the Viceroy of Liangkiang, and no other; and that the charges against him of being a leader of a riot which occurred in Chinhua Prefecture, Chekiang, in the 33rd year of the present reign, are well laid; and, further, that the said Chang Kung was at the time of this riot and still is a resident of Chekiang and in no sense a resident of this Settlement and in any way entitled to be tried before this Court on a charge laid in connection with an act committed without the Settlement, and that his surrender to the Nanking Authorities is, therefore, in order and proper.

The Court, therefore, orders that the prisoner Chang Kung be delivered to the Viceregal Authorities, together with all the literature and illustrations and all other properties and belongings found in the prisoner's quarters in Shanghai or upon his person and now in the possession of the Police.

The Magistrate and the Assessor are of one mind in the matter of the idendity of the accused in this case, of the soundness of the charges laid against him, and of the propriety of surrendering him to extra-settlement Authorities to be dealt with as may by them be deemed just and fitting; but in view of the conduct of the Viceregal Authorities in sending into the Settlement emmisaries to function therein as detectives, independent of and unknown to the Municipal Authorities, constituting as it did a departure from the principle whereby all police and detective duties are performed by the Municipal Police and no other the Assessor felt constrained to delay the surrender of the prisoner to the Chinese Authorities until an admission had been secured from those authorities that their conduct on this occasion was irregular and in violation of the principle above enunciated, and an assurance that a repetition of this conduct would not occur in the future. Such admission and assurance having now been received the prisoner will be surrendered to the Chinese Authorities.

American Consulate General,
Shanghai, January 27, 1909.

SIR —I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 25th instant, enquiring the nature of the admission received from the Chinese Authorities of the irregularity involved in their action in sending into the Settlement detectives to function therein without the authorization of the Municipal Authorities, in connection with the case of Chang Kung, and to inform you that before the case was disposed of and the prisoner surrendered by the American Assessor to the Chinese Authorities, I had received from the Taotai a definite verbal statement to the effect that he recognized the irregularity involved in the matter and that he would place this admission on record in a formal despatch to myself. When this despatch was received, however, it was found to be unsatisfactory, and I instructed the American Assessor to secure from the Mixed Court Magistrate further assurances before the prisoner was surrendered, and before he concurred in the order of the Court to hand the prisoner over to the Nanking Authorities, Mr. Butler obtained from the Magistrate a promise that the Taotai's attention would again be called to the action of the Viceroy in sending his emissaries into the Settlement to function therein without the knowledge and co-operation of the Municipal Police and that the Taotai would be asked to again address myself on the subject in a despatch which would be to the point and would be an acceptable admission that the Viceroy's action had been irregular and an assurance that similar action would not again be taken by the Chinese Authorities. On the strength of this promise, the case was concluded and the prisoner surrendered, and I am now in receipt of a despatch from the Taotai, dated the 29th day of the 12th moon, in which he states "that at the time of their arrival in Shanghai, the detectives in question were not fully acquainted with the regulations of the International Settlement, but that their action in not first reporting themselves to the Municipal Police (before searching for Chang Kung) constituted a serious breach of courtesy and he had issued instructions that all native detectives functioning within the Settlement in the future must do so strictly in accordance with the regulations of the Settlement."

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

CHAS. DENBY,
Consul-General.

D. LANDALE, Esq.,
Chairman, Municipal Council.

Health Department.

Victoria Nursing Home.—Nine months leave of absence is granted to Miss Lea to date from May 7 During her absence Nurse Koek will act as Matron, Victoria Nursing Home.

Fire Brigade.

With regard to the appointment of Chief Engineer to the Fire Brigade, heretofore an annual one under the Regulations of the Fire Commission, and subject to election by the Companies in December of each year, the formal change in status which the Brigade has undergone during the year involves some alteration, to ensure continuity under successive Watch Committees who enter office at the Annual Meeting of Ratepayers.

With this in view the Council considers that the post of Chief Engineer should be held upon the lines formerly in vogue in the Volunteer Corps, when its Commandant was himself a Volunteer, i.e., that the appointment should be a permanent one after election by the Brigade and subject to confirmation by the Council.

It has been ascertained that this arrangement is considered satisfactory by the members of the Brigade, and it is accordingly adopted.

Public Lighting.

Boundary and North Chekiang Roads,—In connexion with the general lighting scheme of the Northern District, details of which were published with the minutes of December 9, 1908, the relighting of the above roads, at an estimated annual cost of Tls. 1,957 is approved. This involves the erection of four arc lamps in the Boundary Road between the North Honan and North Chekiang Roads, of seven arc lamps in the North Chekiang Road, and the removal of all existing gas lamps with the exception of two.

Settlement Extension.

The following translated extract from the native press, being the reply of His Excellency the Viceroy Tuan Fang to representations made on the subject of the extension of the Settlement, is ordered for inclusion in the minutes. This letter dated July 29 has not been transmitted for the information of the Council.

Translation of despatch from the Viceroy to the Senior Consul, dated July 29, 1908.

The Viceroy is in receipt of the Senior Consul's despatch stating that "the Settlement is constricted on all "sides the population being extremely "crowded, especially in the Northern "District, and to the north of the "American Settlement; and that from "the year 1899 when the Settlement "was extended until now the residents "have increased to an extent which "could not have been foreseen, "so that outside the Settlement not "only have Chinese stores opened "business thoroughfares, but foreign "merchants also have begun to

"buy land and build houses beyond the "Settlement limits. Since the foreign "merchants resident there, are deprived "of the benefit of sanitation and Police "control and other public advantages "and since residents inside the Settlement "regard the conditions of the Chinese "population beyond limits as a constant "source of danger to the health of the "Settlement, it is proposed to extend it "under Municipal control, by the "inclusion of the strip of land which "is wedged between the Settlement and "the Railway, which would thus form "the Northern boundary of the exten-"sion. The Senior Consul accordingly "requests the Viceroy to inform the "Shanghai Taotai, or depute some "some other high official to open a "discussion on the subject, together "with the Consular Body, as soon as "possible, with a view to deciding the "matter."

The Viceroy on receipt of this despatch finds that the object for which Settlements were established was specially in order that they might be places of residence for the foreigners of all nationalities. The port of Shanghai was opened in this way at a very early date; and commerce having been most prosperous, the Settlement, which as originally fixed, was very extensive, in the 25th year of Kuang Hsu, namely the year 1899, was again extended as a place of International Trade, by China as an independent act through the former Viceroy Liu. The area of the extension amounted to over 21,500 mow which, in comparison with the English and American Settlement as originally fixed, amounted to an addition of twice the size. The object of fixing the extension on this exceptionally liberal scale was, that the measure might be an entirely permanent one, and that thereafter there might be no further extension. It was not to be supposed that a request for extension would again be made, while in spite of the elapse of several years there is still much vacant and waste land in the Settlement. This involves a wide departure from the excellent idea of the former Viceroy in urging for the extension.

In the first place, discussing this question in connexion with the number of foreign residents, it is to be observed that the Settlement as it originally existed, together with the last extension, amounts in all to over 32,100 mow, so that no matter to what extent foreign residents of all nationalities hereafter increase, with thirty odd thousand mow to reside in, there can by no means be any question of insufficiency; and although it may be said that the Chinese residing indiscriminately in the Settlement occupy a large portion of it, yet the land on which they live is actually part of the Settlement, and it is open to foreign merchants to pay a price and acquire it, so that the latter are by no means in the position of having no land at their disposal.

The Viceroy finds, moreover, that inclusion in the Settlement, of the land wedged between the Railway and the boundary, as requested in the Senior Consul's despatch, was the subject of special dissent by the former Viceroy Liu. In this despatch it is stated that it was pointed out to the former Viceroy Liu at the time, that if the strip of land in question should, in the opinion of the various nationalities, come within Municipal control at a later date, the Consuls might again raise discussion on the point; yet directions have been given to shupans to investigate, and it has been found that there is no such statement on record. The Viceroy therefore conjectures that at the time in question, if the former Viceroy Liu, having extended the Settlement so considerably, refused only to include this strip therein, the real version of the circumstance is that although that claim was made by the Consular Body it was one which he could not recognise. This land, moreover, is within the boundary of the Paoshan District, where foreign merchants lease land by way merely of compromise, for it is not an open Treaty Port; and assuredly a temporary compromise can hardly be taken to prove a fixed precedent whereon to base arequest for extension of the Settlement. In the District of Paoshan, moreover, there already exists the open port of Woosung; and hence it remains only for foreigners to lease land for their use in the open port of Woosung, if they desire to reside and transact business in the Paoshan District. The commerce of Shanghai appears to be increasing daily, and in the future it is probable that the number of Chinese residents will increase in like manner. If therefore the Settlement is again extended, it might be said that the land outside the Settlement will hereafter become insufficient as a place of residence for Chinese, which would be inequitable.

With reference to the contention that foreign merchants outside the Settlement are deprived of sanitation, Police control. and the benefit of other public advantages, and that the conditions under which the Chinese live at the place in question is a source of constant danger to the health of the Settlement, it would seem that these are insufficient grounds for anxiety; for in the establishment of a constabulary at this point China has not spared large funds to aid in its management, precisely with the object of preserving peace and good order among foreign and Chinese residents: and although, at the beginning, the methods in use are not so complete as those which accompany Foreign self-government, it cannot be assumed beforehand that there will never come a time when they are finally satisfactory. Further, it can never be so arranged that no matter to what extent the Settlement is extended there will not be a single Chinese resident beyond limits, or a single one of the conditions of a business centre.

All, in fine, depends upon mutual freedom from prejudiced views, and mutual observance, and administration, in accordance with regulations, of the boundaries as already fixed, so that not only will the management of the Settlement arrive at perfection, but the Constabulary beyond limits will also improve by the example.

In view of these considerations the request that directions be given to the Shanghai Taotai again to discuss the question of Settlement extension, can hardly be complied with, and aware of the equitable manner in which the Senior Consul and the Consuls of the various nationalities invariably proceed, and of their spirit of sincerity and cordiality, the Viceroy is confident of their agreement with his remarks, and that the original intention of the former Viceroy Liu will not be lost sight of.

Besides addressing a despatch to the Shanghai Taotai for his information, the Viceroy has thus to reply to the Senior Consul trusting that he will kindly take note.

Public Band.

The programme for Sunday, next is as follows:—

MENDELSSOHN CENTENARY PROGRAMME.

1.—War March of the Priests "Athalie."
2.—Selection "Songs without words."
3.—Overture—"The Hebrides."
4.—Violin Concerto (first movement). Solo. Mr. Schulze-Reudnitz.
5.—(a) Overture "A Midsummer Night's Dream."
(b) Incidental Music to "A Midsummer Night's Dream"
Nocturne
Scherzo
Wedding March

Conductor-in-charge, Mr. R. Buck.

The attendance at the Sunday performances has been as follows:—

January	10, 1909	870
,,	17, ,,	562
,,	24, ,,	891
,,	31, ,,	955

The meeting adjourns at 5.30 p.m.

Health Department.

Notification of Infectious Disease.

The following have been reported during the week ending Sunday January 31, 1908.	Death among Chinese population of 550,000	Cases notified among Non-Chinese population of 15,000,
Small-pox.	0	0
Cholera.	0	0
Typhoid Fever	—	0
Diphtheria.	0	1
Scarlet Fever.	0	0
Tuberculosis	17	3
Plague	0	0
Total Deaths from all Causes	130	1

Arthur Stanley,
Health Officer

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MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION.

No. 1885.

CLOSE SEASON FOR GAME.

THE public is hereby reminded that the sale of pheasants is prohibited after February 16, and that of deer, hare, partridges and all small birds after March 1.

No prohibition attaches to the sale of snipe, quail, woodcock and wild fowl.

By order,

W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

Council Room,
Shanghai, February 10, 1908.

MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION.

No. 1914.

THE Municipal Gazette will be forwarded to Ratepayers on application to the publishers, the "North-China Daily News & Herald," Ld. The Gazette will continue to be forwarded without application to subscribers to the "North-China Daily News."

By order,

W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

Council Room,
Shanghai, May 22, 1908.

AT the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, Febuary 3, 1909, at 4.30 p.m., there are present :

Messrs. D. Landale (*Chairman*)
W. D. Little
H. A. J. Macray
J. H. McMichael
O. Meuser
J. Prentice
W. A. C. Platt
The Secretary and
Assistant Secretary.

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

The minutes of the last meeting are read, confirmed, signed by the Chairman and passed for publication.

Volunteers.

Annual Inspection.—The Commandant notifies the date fixed for the annual training of the Corps, from Saturday, March 20, to Saturday, April 24. It is decided to request the General Officer commanding H. M. Forces in South China to hold the usual Annual Inspection on the latter date.

The training is three weeks later than has been customary during recent years, in accordance with the unanimous opinion expressed at a meeting of officers which took place in November last, and the change has been endorsed by both the present and former Commandants. It is not usually possible to go into the country after the first week in April, owing to the advanced state of the crops, and consequently the Inspection Parade will not take the form of a Field-day.

Police.

Foreign Branch. — Sub-Inspector Robinson is reduced to the rank of 1st Class Sergeant for mis-conduct, with effect from February 4.

The following are appointed 3rd Class Constables, being part of a draft of fourteen recruits engaged through the London Agents with the assistance of Colonel A. W. A. Pollock. These men arrived on February 2 per str. Nore:—

B. L. Atkinson
W. B. Bamber
J. Brough
G. Emmett
C. Jennings
C. McGillivray
W. McGillivray
R. Ockwell
R. A. Pilkington
J. R. Plimer
E. Ring.

The remainder of the draft consists of three men against whom very serious charges of riotous and improper behaviour have been laid by their fellow passengers. These charges have been corroborated by the captain of the ship, and, as a result, two of the men have been sent back to England by the first opportunity ; while the third, who missed the ship at Malta, will be similarly treated upon his arrival. The Captain-Superintendent, in recommending this course, lays stress upon the peculiar position of men leaving Europe to take up the responsible duties of policemen. He considers that the good name of the Force demands prompt and salutary treatment of offences such as those in question, and he will advise in due course certain amendments of the methods and manner of recruiting at home with a view to preventing similar occurrences in future.

Mixed Court.

Death of the German Assessor.—The Consul-General for Germany notifies the Council of the death on January 31 of Herr MacLean, German Consular Assessor at the Mixed Court, and, in recording an expression of the Council's deep regret at this lamented occurrence, it is decided to convey an expression of the members' sincere condolences:—

Shanghai, January 31, 1909.

SIR,—It is my sad duty to inform you that Herr A. MacLean, acting first interpreter of this Consulate-General and Mixed Court Assessor, has passed away at 3 p.m. to-day after a short illness.

The funeral will take place on Tuesday, February 2, at 11.30 a.m , at the Bubbling Well Cemetery.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,
P. VON BURI,
Consul-General for Germany.

D. LANDALE, Esq.,
Chairman, Municipal Council.

Council Room,
Shanghai, February 5, 1909.

SIR,—I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of January 31, informing me of the death on that day of Herr A. MacLean, German Consular Assessor at the Mixed Court.

The Council, upon hearing of this lamentable occurrence, has recorded an expression of its deep regret at the death of so courteous and so promising a member of your Consular staff, and, on behalf of my colleagues and myself, I beg to convey to you our sincere condolences.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,
DAVID LANDALE,
Chairman.

P. VON BURI, Esq.,
Consul-General for Germany.

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Shanghai, February 6, 1909.

SIR,—In the name of the staff of this Consulate-General and the relatives of the late Herr MacLean I beg to thank you for the kind sympathy of the Council to which you have given expression in your letter of the 5th instant at the sad bereavement which this Consulate-General has sustained in the loss of the deceased member of our Consular staff.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,
P. von BURI,
Consul-General for Germany.

D. LANDALE, Esq.,
Chairman, Municipal Council.

Case of Detention in the City.—Letter from the Senior Consul is read, forwarding a communication from the Taotai on the subject of the case of Chin Shun-cho, from which it is noted with satisfaction that a primâ facie hearing of the case in the Mixed Court is consistently being demanded. Reference, Gazette No. 55 p. 13.

Native Theatres.

With reference to the question of the performance of actresses in the theatre at the corner of the Hankow and Hoopeh Roads, a letter from the Mixed Court Magistrate expresses the hope that the Council will not sanction the continuance of a practice which is contrary to Chinese taste and prejudice. After recording the view that action in this matter should be guided by the views of the better class native residents, further discussion is postponed until next meeting.

General Hospital.

A communication from the Consular Body informs the Council of the re-election of the Consuls-General for Great Britain, France and Germany, as representatives on the Board of Governors for the ensuing year.

Plague Prevention.

Native City.—The reply of the Taotai to the Council's suggestions in reference to his co-operation in the work of rat-destruction in the Native City and suburbs is read and ordered for publication.

Council Room,
Shanghai, January 11, 1909.

SIR,—The attention of the members of the Consular Body has doubtless been drawn by references in the public Press to the outbreak of plague among rats which has made its appearance in the Settlement. In the Municipal Gazette of December 24, and in the Health Officer's report for December published in that of January 7, are references to this subject, and to the means which the Council is adopting for preventing, if possible, the spread of the disease from rats to human beings. Similar measures are, it is hoped, about to be taken in the French Settlement by the co-operation of the French Medical and Sanitary Authorities with the Municipal Health Officer.

In regard to the Native City and suburbs, it is not to be expected that the organization can be as complete as in the Foreign Settlements, but the Council is of opinion that, if the gravity of the situation were made plain to the Taotai, he would be willing to take such steps as lie in his power to the end which is in view. The simple step for instance of catching rats and destroying their carcases with fire, appears to the Council to be a measure in the right direction which might reasonably be adopted, with especial advantage along the waterfront south of the French Settlement.

I have therefore the honour to request that the Consular Body may concur in the advisability of making official representations to the Native Authorities in the matter, and to add that the Health Officer is prepared to give all requisite advice in the event of the Taotai delegating an official to consult with him on the subject.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,
DAVID LANDALE,
Chairman.

D. SIFFERT, Esq.,
Consul-General for Belgium,
and Senior Consul.

Shanghai, January 26, 1909.

SIR,—I beg to transmit you, herewith, for your consideration and reply, copy and translation of the Taotai's reply to your letter of January 11, regarding plague among rats in the Settlement.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,
D. SIFFERT,
Consul-General for Belgium, and Senior Consul.

D. LANDALE, Esq.,
Chairman, Municipal Council.

Translation of letter from the Taotai to the Senior Consul, dated January 21, 1909.

The Taotai is in receipt of the Senior Consul's dispatch dated January 19, to the effect that "the growth of plague being engendered by rats, the Municipal Council has devised measures for exterminating them in order to avoid contagion; and that if in the City and suburbs it is desired to take like action, the Health Officer having made ready important appliances to show what is necessary, it is requested that an official be deputed to discuss the matter."

The measures for expulsion of rats consist principally of the two following which are the simplest, to prepare traps and to keep cats. In this country in the interior although not every family possesses traps for the catching of rats, it is certain that every family, for the catching of rats, possesses cats.

It is inquired whether beyond these two simple methods now practised by the Municipal Council, there is any other good device for their capture; and the Taotai has to request the Senior Consul to instruct the Health Officer of the Council forthwith to make a plan with an explanation of the important appliances which have been made ready, and send it to the Taotai for his perusal and consideration. The Taotai has thus to reply to the Senior Consul, requesting him kindly to take note, give directions and make a reply.

Special Number of the Municipal Gazette.—A note from a ratepayer to the Health Officer states that the recent special number of the Gazette is calculated to give an impression outside Shanghai that the disease, which is generally understood to refer to human beings, has broken out. In order to correct any misunderstanding on the subject, and at Dr Stanley's suggestion, a note is recorded that plague in Shanghai is at present limited to rats, that every possible effort is being made to prevent its spread to human beings, and that, so far, no human case of plague has been reported in the Settlement.

Statistics.—Of 501 rats found dead between January 24 and February 9, excluding trapped rats, 15 have been pronounced in the Laboratory to be plague infected.

Yangkingpang.

A letter from Messrs. E. E. Porter and others announces that a resolution will be proposed at the forthcoming Annual Meeting of Ratepayers, on the subject of culverting this creek, and expresses the desire that arrangements be made for it to be brought up for discussion at 5 p.m. In reply, it is decided to state that as favourable a position as possible will be given to this resolution after the Budget is passed.

The Council's opinion on the question will apparently be divided, and directions are given that reports be furnished from the respective standpoints of defence, finance, traffic, and sanitation :—

Shanghai, February 2, 1909.

SIR,—It is proposed at the forthcoming Ratepayers' Meeting to bring up a resolution to culvert the Yangkingpang providing the French Council are still prepared to defray half the cost of this work.

In view of the large amount of public interest that is taken in this question we, the undersigned, venture to ask the Council to be good enough to have the motion relating to the Yangkingpang brought up on the day of the meeting as shortly after 5 p.m. as possible.

It is not suggested that any discussion on any other matter should be stopped, but after such discussion has been finished, the Yangkingpang resolution should be put before the meeting.

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Unless the Council can see their way to grant us the above concession, we fear that it will be necessary to call a Special Meeting of Ratepayers to discuss the matter, which we are loath to do, as we believe it would entail extra work on the Council and their officials.

We are, Sir,

Your obedient servants,

E. E. Porter	J. Frost
A. M. Marshall	H. T. Wade
G. M. Wheelock	J. H. Craven
A. D. Lowe	Reid, Evans & Co.
Chas. W. Ure	Harry De Gray
T. E. Dunn	H. H. Taylor
W. S. Emens	Geo. W. Noël
F. N. Dresing	J. H. P. Parker
H. Robertson	Tarrant & Morriss
E. R. Brightен	F. A. Robertson
E. O. Cumming	W. Paulsen
W. B. Cheetham	Robt. S. Ivy
W. R. Malcolm	Gordius Nielsen
Robert P. Silby	T. M. Phillips
N. E. Cornish	H. Edblad
G. Miller	A. S. Anton
W. Meischke-Smith	A. L. Anderson
Robt. H. Hunt	Gilbert Davies
H. P. Wilkinson	A. J. Welch
H. J. Craig	J. C. E. Douglas
H. J. H. Tripp	H. J. Roope
J. A. Wattie	T. H. Harris
W. J. Isenman	J. T. Hamilton

D. Landale, Esq.,
Chairman, Municipal Council.

Council Room,
Shanghai, February 5, 1909.

Gentlemen,—I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your circular letter, announcing that a resolution will be proposed at the forthcoming Annual Meeting of Ratepayers, on the subject of culverting the Yangkingpang.

In reply thereto, I am directed to state that your request that this resolution be timed for discussion at 5 o'clock on the day of the meeting, will be met by the Council so far as is practicable, that is to say, that the resolution will be placed in as favourable a position as possible after the passing of that relating to the Budget for 1909.

I am, Gentlemen,
Your obedient servant,
W. E. Leveson,
Secretary.

E. E. Porter, Esq.,
and Others.

Road Extensions and Widenings.

Broadway East.—Arrangements with Messrs. David Sassoon & Co., Ld. are concluded for the surrender of the scheduled strip of Cadastral lot 46, measuring Mow 0.07, for the sum of Tls. 1,232, being at the assessed value with 10 per cent added.

Electricity Department.

The minutes of the meeting of the Electricity Committee of Thursday, January 28, are read and confirmed. There were present:—

Messrs. F. Anderson (*Chairman*)
J. Grant Mackenzie
H. W. Pilcher
The Electrical Engineer and
The Secretary.

The following are ordered for publication:—

Sale of Lamps.—In regard to the sale of lamps it appears that there is more opposition to the suggested resumption of such sale by the Council than was at first supposed, and that the question of the amount of profit which it is desirable to add to the cost is a disputed one. The members are of opinion that casual reference to the matter in the Loan Speech at the Ratepayers' Meeting will not dispel doubts on the subject, and that if the Council adheres to the view that the Resolution of 1904 is prohibitive on the point a special explicit vote should be taken.

[*The Council decides that a Special Resolution on the subject shall be included in the official list.*]

Current for Heating and Cooking.—A report by the Electrical Engineer draws attention to the use of gas, in different parts of the world, for purposes of heating and cooking, and to the profits which private companies have thereby secured. He points out that in Shanghai, while the application of electricity for power purposes is steadily increasing it is but little used for heating and cooking, the contributory causes for this neglect being the high price of current, and cost of heating appliances. The Committee generally endorses the view that every encouragement should be given to consumers to use electricity for more general purposes, and approves the recommendation that the power rate should be experimentally applied to the supply of current for such purposes.

Hire of Motors.—With the general object in view noted in the above minute, the Engineer recommends that the depreciation allowed in price charged for the hire of motors to consumers be reduced from 15 to 12½ per cent upon the capital cost. The proposed reduction is primarily based upon the fact that the present rate of 15 per cent is found to be excessive in view of the generally careful treatment which the motors have received at the hands of consumers during the four years in which hiring has been in operation. The reduced charge is recommended for adoption and inclusion in the Notification when the stocked motors and their prices have been standardised and the scale approved.

Public Lighting.—In connexion with the recent lighting of the North Szechuen and other roads, the Engineer reports that there remains over a surplus equipment sufficient for the erection of 53 more metallic filament lamps. This is minuted for the Council's information so that the lamps may be utilized in extending incandescent electric lighting elsewhere.

Street encroachments. Private lamps.—The attention of members is directed to the question of private lamps overhanging footways, which formed the subject of a recent report to the Council by the Municipal Engineer, and the Committee accordingly directs the co-operation of the Department in declining to connect such lamps without the production by the owner of a Public Works Department permit for their erection.

Extension of Mains.—An extension of the low-tension main for a distance of 600 yards in the Kalgan and East Yalu Roads is approved upon the usual condition that 10 per cent on the capital cost is paid by the consumer concerned as an annual contribution until the extension is upon a paying basis.

Complaint Book.—In accordance with instructions this book is submitted for inspection by members. It is noted that the defective lighting, which forms the subject of the several complaints therein, is attributed, in practically each case, to use by consumers of burnt-out or inefficient lamps.

Court of Foreign Consuls.

The Council is notified of the re-election of the representatives of Great Britain, Germany and Belgium, to constitute the Court for 1909, in accordance with the provisions of Article XXVII of the Land Regulations.

Municipal Gazette.

"The Shanghai Times," after giving notice that the distribution of the Gazette through their medium will cease after No. 56, add the request that it be forwarded to certain subscribers to the paper under provision of Municipal Notification No. 1914. The list of subscribers enclosed includes out-port residents, Chinese, Municipal employés, and other non-ratepayers, and it is decided to reply that those who are ratepayers should be requested to apply to the publishers, the "North-China Daily News & Herald," Ld., in accordance with the terms of the Notification.

The meeting adjourns at 6.45 p.m.

Health Department.

Notification of Infectious Disease.

The following have been reported during the week ending Sunday February 7, 1909.	Death among Chinese population of 550,000	Cases notified among Non-Chinese population of 16,000.
Small-pox.	1	0
Cholera.	0	0
Typhoid Fever	—	2
Diphtheria.	1	2
Scarlet Fever.	0	0
Tuberculosis	11	2
Plague	0	0
Total Deaths from all Causes	133	3

Arthur Stanley,
Health Officer.

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Public Band.

The performances in the Town Hall on Fridays February 12 and 19, will consist of 4 two-steps and 2 waltzes and will be regarded as practices for the Washington Birthday Ball on Monday, February 22.

The attendance on Sunday, February 7 numbered 921, and the Hall was emptied in 8 minutes.

The programme for Sunday, February 14, will be as follows:—

1.—Overture—"In Memoriam"Sullivan
2.—Swedish Song (for string instruments) ... ...Svendsen
3.—Suite No. 2—"Carmen"..Bizet

4.—Symphony No. 6 in G major ... ...Haydn
5.—Largetto from the Clarionet Quintette ...Mozart
Solo—Mr. Schrader
6.—Overture—"Euryanthe"..Weber

Conductor-in charge, Mr. R. Buck.

Electrical Engineer's Report for November.

Generation.—The generating plant has been maintained in good order. No. 9 Belliss and Morcom traction generator engine has been overhauled. After eight months' working the wear on the engine was scarcely appreciable. At the builder's suggestion a slight modification was made to the high-pressure piston with the result that a very slight knocking before noticeable has entirely disappeared.

The superheater for dealing with the steam from the battery of four 16,000-lb. evaporation boilers and two 8,000-lb. evaporation boilers was put into commission but not regularly worked.

Two remote controlled mechanically operated switches of the new Brown-Boveri switchgear were put into use for controlling the two 800 kilowatt turbo-alternators.

The completion of the operating and instruments panels on the new switch-gear control gallery has been effected.

Distribution.—Low-tension Distributors were extended in the following roads:—

North Chekiang Rd.	380 yards	.022
North Fokien Rd...	718 ,,	.034
Kalgan Road ...	150 ,,	.034
Kiaochow Road ...	870 ,,	.060
	2,118 yards	
	1.2 miles.	

Low-tension Distributors were enlarged in the following roads:—

Fearon and Thorne Roads ...	...520 yards	.058
Canton and Shantung Roads	...540 ,,	.124
Hankow Road	...328 ,,	.034
	1,388 yards.	
	.78 miles.	

Public Lighting.—Twelve additional enclosed arc lamps were connected during the month.

Eight British Thomson-Houston flame arc lamps were put up in the Nanking Road in the place of eight enclosed arcs.

Forty-one metallic filament series incandescent 60 C.P. lamps were put up in the Yates, Weihaiwei and Avenue Roads in place of the old carbon lamps.

The following cable was run for the new arc lamp circuit:—

3,873 yds. .022
2.2 miles.

The following wire was erected for the new metallic filament system:—

960 yards .012 vulcanized
5,683 ,, .012 bare
6,643 yards.
3.7 miles.

Sub-Stations.—Bubbling Well Police Station. One 8 kilowatt G.E.C. series transformer connected up for supplying the new metallic filament series lamp system.

House Service.—Forty-nine house service connexions were made during the month.

Lamp Additions.—The equivalent of 1,345.30 watt lamps was added to the mains in November.

Motors.—Three additional motors aggregating 10.75 horse-power were connected to the mains. The total number of motors now operating on the Council's mains is eighty-two a total horse-power of 480.45.

Oil.—The oil consumption was 214 gallons. This figure is above normal owing to the fact that the old oil in No. 6 turbine was taken out and replaced by new oil. The old oil is filtered and used on the reciprocating engines.

Water.—The water used from the town mains was 1,779,000 gall.

Coal.—1,251 tons of coal was consumed during November. This is 226 tons more than in November 1907, but 179,795 more units have been generated. The coal per unit generated is practically the same as for October, but per unit sold there is an improvement. The figures are November 5.43-lb. generated, 5.98-lb. sold; and October, 5.47-lb. generated, 6.27-lb. sold. It is satisfactory to note that the coal per unit generated has fallen to 4.95-lb. in December.

Units Generated.—The units generated were 515,551 as against 336,376 in November last year.

Units Sold.—The units sold were 468,007 as against 228,673 in November last year.

Ratio.—The ratio of units generated to units sold has risen from 84.03 per cent in November 1907 to 90.78 in November 1908.

Comparative Table.

	1908.	1907.
Total lamps connected	...170.340	136,426
Total Horse-power in motors	...480.45	330.45
Units generated	...515.551	336.376
Units sold and accounted for	...468.007	282.673
Private Lighting	...228.739	224.983
Public Lighting	46.438	37.978
Power (motors)	13.275	12.832
Traction	...157.493	—
Used at works, etc.	22.062	6.880
Ratio	90.78	84.03
Coal per unit generated in lb.	5.43	6.82
Coal per unit sold in lb..	5.98	8.12
Revenue	44.697	36.192
Expenditure	33.751	25.380
Profit	10.946	10.812
Total profit to date	76.997	41.439

Financial.—The profit for November is Tls. 10,946 compared with Tls. 10,812 in the corresponding month in 1907. At first sight these figures may evoke criticism since it has been shown that this November 179,175 more units were generated than last November; that the ratio between the units generated and sold has risen from 84 per cent to 90.78 per cent; and that the cost of production has been materially lowered. A closer analysis of the figures in the Monthly Costs Sheet will, however, show that the reason for the net profit not being much higher than for the same period twelve months ago is the heavy increase in capital costs which has not been compensated for by a proportionate increase in private consumption. In spite of the fact that the equivalent of 29,494 additional 30 watt lamps have been added to the mains in the eleven months January to November, the increase in the units sold for private consumption is but 4,199. It might be thought that such a result points to less accurate metering. That this is not so is proved by the improved ratio. The generated units for private consumption are actually less than in November last year, but the units sold are higher.

The ratio—excluding public lighting, traction and consumption in the generating station—has risen from 81 per cent to 84 per cent—a figure which is generally accepted as very good in alternating current supply undertakings. Looking into the Works Costs—which do not include Capital Charges—a great improvement is seen. They are as follows:—

Works Costs per unit sold.	November 1908.	November 1907.
Coal	1.71	2.02
Wages	1.15	1.41
Oil	.34	.48
Repairs	.48	.57
Total	3.68	Total 4.48

Reduction 80 cents.

The above reductions have been made with a largely increased wages bill and coal costing 15.5 per cent more than last year.

Regarding the capital charges these are Tls. 12,818 as against Tls. 9,886 so that to show an equal profit on working either more electricity has to be sold or economies to the extent of Tls. 2,932 must be shown. That a slightly increased profit has been made will, I think, be regarded as satisfactory. It further strengthens the contention which has always been put forward, that a steady traction and motor load is an invaluable asset to a supply undertaking, for although the additional capital called up for the traction plant increases the capital costs, the better load factor brought about by the traction supply has such excellent results in reducing the costs of production.

T. H. U. Aldridge,
Electrical Engineer.

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MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION.

No. 1947.

DOGS.

Dog owners who have not yet taken out licences for 1909, are requested to make application for the same at the Tax Office.

Attention is directed to condition No. 6 imposed in respect to the licence as follows :—

"That the dog when in the streets "or other public place be effectively "muzzled, but in such a manner as will "admit of its breathing and drinking."

Dogs found without muzzles, whether led or at large, within the limits of the Settlement or on outlying roads, will be seized by the Police and detained at the new Dog Kennels in the Gordon Road, opposite the Police Western Depôt, for a period of one week or longer as circumstances may direct ; their owners, when identified, will be prosecuted. Dogs wearing ineffective muzzles will be regarded as unmuzzled.

Enquiries on the subject of lost or strayed dogs should be made at the Depôt (Telephone No. 3248).

By order,

W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

Council Room,
Shanghai, February 18, 1908.

MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION.

No. 1948.

FOREIGN HOTEL OR TAVERN LICENCES.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Watch Committee will sit on Friday, March 26, 1909, to decide upon the number and locality of foreign hotels and taverns to be licensed during the ensuing year.

Applicants for new licences are required to fill up the usual form, which may be obtained on application to the Tax Office, before March 1.

Thereafter, by public notification, an opportunity will be afforded to ratepayers to protest against or support before the Committee the issue or renewal of any licence.

No fresh licences will be issued during the twelve months ensuing after April 1, 1909 and until the next annual sitting of the Committee.

By order,

W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

Council Room,
Shanghai, February 18, 1909.

AT the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, February 10, 1909, at 4.30 p.m , there are present :

Messrs. D. Landale (*Chairman*)
W. D. Little
H. A. J. Macray
R. S. F. McBain
J. H. McMichael
O. Meuser
W. A. C. Platt
J. Prentice
The Secretary and
Assistant Secretary.

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

The minutes of the last meeting are read, confirmed, signed by the Chairman and passed for publication.

Volunteers.

Staff.—The commission of Major B. A. Clarke is authorized for renewal with effect from the date of its expiry, December 30, 1908.

Ambulance Section.—Upon the recommendation of the Commandant, a commission as Captain is authorized for issue to Lieutenant H. C. Patrick, with effect from June 21, 1908. In regard to this step, the Council records an expression of appreciation of the work which Captain Patrick has performed, particularly in connexion with First Aid classes.

Police.

Foreign Branch.—With reference to the recent case of three recruits whose conduct on the voyage from England has necessitated their immediate return, a telegram from the London Agents is discussed stating that a further draft of ten men has been engaged to leave England on March 13. In reply directions will be given that the number be divided into two drafts of 5, one to be postponed to the middle of May, and that particular attention be paid to the previous character of the men enlisted.

Chinese Branch.—A gratuity of $250 is authorized for issue to the family of the late Constable Mao Kiu-kong (毛九康), No. 664, who was killed while in the execution of his duty on January 21.

A reward of $50, offered for the capture of four convicts who escaped from the Gaol on August 7, 1908, is authorized for issue to Detective-Constables Chow Tse-shun (周志順), No. 3, and Wong Ching-mow (王金茂), No. 61, who were instrumental in the recent re-capture of the second of the four men.

Policing Beyond Limits

Alabaster Road Extension.—Reports by the Engineer and Captain-Superintendent of Police have been submitted, on the subject of the interference of the native police with the road coolies at work on the section of the Alabaster Road beyond the Settlement boundary, and the removal of the municipal road stones. The section in question is foreign-owned, and has recently been surrendered to the Council for road purposes, the facts have, therefore, been brought to the notice of the Consular Body.

Council Room,
Shanghai, February 5, 1909.

SIR,—I have the honour to inform you that during the past four days, the native authorities have molested municipal servants in the execution of

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their ordinary duties on the Alabaster Road, have torn down the road name-plates, have removed the stones placed to mark the road-line, and have posted their own police in the roadway.

The section of the Alabaster Road in question is that portion of it which lies for a distance of about 242 feet beyond the boundary of the Settlement, and consists of land registered in the British Consulate-General in the name of La Congregation de la Mission dite de St. Lazare, and duly surrendered to the Council for purposes of a public road, in accordance with the provisions of Article VI of the Land Regulations.

The greatest care has been taken in this instance to avoid any unseemly conflict of authority, and directions have been given that no retaliatory steps be taken pending the settlement of the case, and I have now the honour to request that the Consular Body may see fit to make such representations in the matter as will bring about the withdrawal of the native authorities from the untenable position which they have taken up, and an expression of regret for the occurrence.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

DAVID LANDALE,
Chairman.

D. SIFFERT, Esq.,
Consul-General for Belgium,
and Senior Consul.

Native Theatres.

Further inquiries having been made as to the general view which the native community takes of the question of the performance of women together with men in native theatres, and the consensus of opinion being to the effect that such performances are offensive, the Secretary is directed to intimate to the proprietor of the theatre at present in question that they must cease.

Plague Prevention.

With reference to the suggested alterations in the Rules with respect to New Chinese Buildings, and to other measures which may be necessary for structural alterations to existing buildings, in connexion with the anticipated spread of Plague from rats to man, it is decided to request Messrs. J. Ambrose, A. Dallas, C. G. Davies, H. Lester, and P. Peebles to form a sub-committee for the considera- of the Health Officer's proposals as already published.

Parks and Open Spaces.

The minutes of the meeting of the Parks Committee of February 1 are read and confirmed. There were present :—

Messrs. R. H. Beauchamp (*Chairman*)
A. E. Algar
C. D. Kerr
The Engineer
The Superintendent of Parks and Assistant Secretary

The following are ordered for publication :—

Hongkew Recreation Ground.—The attention of members is directed to the fact that the Regulations at present in force in connexion with the Ground are, in many respects, obsolete, and generally require revision to meet present requirements. In particular, regulations are called for in respect to the playing of cricket, football and hockey, and the reservation of special spaces for these games : the closure of the golf-links to players after 3 p.m. on Saturdays, and of the football grounds during Sunday mornings—a measure which has received the Committee's sanction : and the non-admission to the Ground of persons improperly dressed. The suggestions meet with the Committee's approval, and amended Regulations will accordingly be prepared for further consideration.

Public School Pavilion.—In connexion with the erection of this pavilion a plan showing the proposed site is submitted and approved.

Roadside Trees.—A report by the Engineer is read containing a list of trees which it is proposed to plant in the Eastern and Western Districts. The varieties include Plane, Catalpa, and Ash, the total number being 1,349, and the list is approved. It is remarked that in several localities where telephone, tramway or other wires pass through or close to roadside trees, the latter frequently suffer considerable damage at the hands of workmen engaged in repairing the wires, and the attention of the concerned is accordingly directed to this fact.

Staff.—An application is submitted by the Superintendent of Parks for an increase of pay sufficient to admit of his visiting certain Public Parks in America during his long leave in May next. The Engineer's recommendation that an honorarium of £50 be allowed to him for travelling expenses, etc., receives the Committee's approval, upon the condition that he visits and reports upon the several Parks mentioned in the application.

Thomas Hanbury School and Children's Home.

The Council is informed of the constitution of the General Committee of the School for the ensuing year as follows : Mesdames Hinckley, Hodges, Ivy, Rosenbaum, Smalley and Whittall, Revs. G. H. Bondfield and A. J. Walker, and Messrs. J. C. Bosustow, H. Hanbury, H. E. Hobson and W. E. Leveson. In accordance with the terms of the School Deed of Trust, Mrs. Smalley and Messrs. Bondfield, Hobson and Walker are nominated as representing the Municipality.

Public School for Chinese.

The attendance for the new term is returned at 413 pupils.

Tenders.

That of Koo Ah-dong for the supply of turf for 1909 is authorized for acceptance as follows :—

	per tong
Public Gardens, Bund and Soochow Creek foreshore	Tls. 0.70
Central District	„ 0.73
Northern District	„ 0.76

The meeting adjourns at 6.20 p.m.

Notification of Infectious Disease.

The following have been reported during the week ending Sunday February 14, 1909.	Death among Chinese population of 550,000	Cases notified among Non-Chinese population of 15,000.
Small-pox.	1	0
Cholera.	0	0
Typhoid Fever	—	1
Diphtheria.	0	1
Scarlet Fever.	0	0
Tuberculosis	19	1
Plague	0	0
Total Deaths from all Cases	137	5

ARTHUR STANLEY,
Health Officer.

Summary of Plague Prevention Work during the week ending February 6, 1909.

	District			
	Eastern	Northern	Central	Western
Rats found dead and brought to the Laboratory for examination..	49	66	95	23
Rats plague infected	2	1	1	0
Traps in operation	590	460	500	110
Rats trapped and burnt	369	463	589	95
Poisoned baits laid.	0	330	25360	422
Houses temporarily rat-proofed and disinfected under notice to occupier.	161	100	38	0
Houses rat-proofed under notice to owners.....	0	0	0	0
Persons vaccinated against plague....	9	9	14	12

ARTHUR STANLEY,
Health Officer.

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Summary of Plague Prevention Work

during the week ending February 13, 1909.

	District			
	Eastern	Northern	Central	Western
Rats found dead and brought to the Laboratory for examination	59	75	112	36
Rats plague infected	4	1	1	0
Traps in operation	538	470	490	119
Rats trapped and burnt	206	363	516	87
Poisoned baits laid	423	1080	31940	264
Houses temporarily rat-proofed and disinfected under notice to occupier	162	120	85	8
Houses rat-proofed under notice to owners	0	0	0	0
Persons vaccinated against plague	7	16	0	0

ARTHUR STANLEY,
Health Officer.

Public Band

The performance in the Town Hall on Friday, February 19, will consist of 4 two-steps and 2 waltzes and will be regarded as a practice for the Washington Birthday Ball on Monday, February 22.

The attendance on Sunday, February 14, numbered 655, and the Hall was emptied in 5 minutes.

The programme for Sunday, February 21, will be as follows:—

1.—March and Chorus from "Tannhäuser". Wagner
2.—Overture — "The Hebrides" ... ...Mendelssohn
3.—Ballad and Theme with Variations from "Coppelia" ... ...Delibes

4.—Overture — "In the South" ... ...Elgar
5.—"Invitation to the Waltz" ... ...Weber
6.—"Czardas" ... ...Grossmann

Conductor-in-charge, Mr. R. BUCK.

Report of Captain-Superintendent of Police for January.

Strength of the Force on Jan. 31, 1909.

Officers	8
Foreigners	213
Indians	560
Chinese	1,018
Total ...	1,799

Increase of Crime.—As usual, China New Year has been the cause of a sudden and severe increase of crime, more particularly of armed robberies. I have also to refer with much regret to the murder of a Chinese constable by armed loafers while in the execution of his duty. The Chinese constable concerned was a man of very good character and must be credited with having displayed courage and a fearless devotion to duty. The work of a native plain clothes constable is attended with far greater risk than that of the man in uniform; besides which he is expected to take the risk of tackling single-handed loafers who are desperate men and usually armed.

There is no reason whatever to doubt that the particular class of criminals referred to above are becoming more common and more daring, and drastic punishment apart from expulsion is necessary if the Police are to cope with these criminals.

Simple expulsion from the Settlement is merely a figure of speech, and in the case of this class of criminal is a farce.

Another much less serious case of assault upon a foreigner was reported which serves to emphasize that the class of criminal with which the Police have now to deal is of a different stamp than the same class in the past. In the assault referred to, a case of snatching from the person, pepper was used by the thief to blind the man and thus to aid the thief in escaping.

During the last month housebreaking has been on the increase from Chinese houses. Entrance was usually effected by making use of adjoining empty houses. This method is simple owing to opportunities which did not previously exist when almost every house in the Settlement was tenanted. The proximity of an uninhabited house to the one about to be robbed forms an ideal place for an housebreaker. The latter can work at forcing an entrance into the house adjoining with a good deal more safety and with more chance of success crowning his efforts than if he had to enter from the front or back of the house selected.

A warning should be given to foreign householders with regard to the visits of natives who come with intent to rob, posing as the employés of foreign firms. In one case a native dressed in European clothes carrying a few tools gained admittance to six foreign houses, merely on his statement that he was sent by the Gas Company or the Electric Light Department. Servants should be warned to be more careful in admitting anyone who is not provided with some distinguishing uniform, badge or written permit.

Kidnapping.—A case of trafficking in children was discovered on board a steamer about to sail for Canton. Six children were found in custody of four Cantonese, two men and two women. The latter were at once arrested and were each sentenced to five years' imprisonment.

Fires.—Following the severe outbreak of fires which took place at the end of the old year, there was a decrease in the number during January. In January 1907 the Fire Brigade was called out for twenty-eight fires, in 1908 for thirteen fires, in January 1909 for only eight fires and one false alarm.

Correspondence.—It would greatly facilitate the dispatch of correspondence at the Headquarters, Central Police Station, if all letters on Police affairs were addressed as under

The Captain-Superintendent
Central Police Station
Foochow Road

and not by *name* to the undersigned or any other Police Officer.

C. D. BROOK,
Captain-Superintendent.

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Return of Persons coming under the notice of Police for Criminal and other Offences.

Offences.	Foreigners	Natives	Total
(a) OFFENCES AGAINST THE PERSON:—			
Manslaughter		4	4
Attempted suicide		8	8
Cutting and wounding		6	6
Assault	3	50	53
Rape		1	1
Kidnapping		37	37
Cruelty to or trafficking in women or children		12	12
Bringing false charges		2	2
Illegal seizure of goods for debt	4		4
(b) OFFENCES AGAINST RIGHTS OF PROPERTY:—			
Robbery		10	10
Embezzlement		15	15
Extortion		9	9
Burglary		24	24
Housebreaking		11	11
Obtaining goods or money by false pretences		13	13
Fraud		12	12
Receiving stolen property		10	10
Unlawful possession		44	44
Uttering counterfeit coins and notes		1	1
Arson		4	4
Malicious injury		2	2
Larceny	11	323	334
Civil Offences:—Debt		27	27
Breach of contract		7	7
Others		12	12
Criminal negligence (fires)		9	9
Infringement of copyright		1	1
(c) ACTS INJURIOUS TO THE PUBLIC:—			
Common nuisances	1	1,483	1,484
Vagrancy	3	48	51
Returning after expulsion		10	10
Disorderly and improper conduct	14	203	217
Soliciting prostitution	6	18	24
Depositing garbage		12	12
Traffic:—Furious driving		19	19
Obstruction		1,065	1,065
Arms, unlawful carrying		6	6
Storing straw in excessive quantities		4	4
Public gambling		31	31
Illegal arrest or detention		1	1
Insanitary premises		7	7
Cruelty to animals		4	4
Sedition		1	1
Aiding felons		2	2
Selling lottery tickets		2	2
Harbouring disreputable persons on licensed premises	1		1
Miscellaneous		30	30
Evading license:—Restaurant	1		1
Breach of license conditions:—Wine-shop		4	4
Dog	6	1	7
Opium-shop		9	9
Pawn-shop		1	1
Tea-shop		7	7
Lodging-house		8	8
Laundry		1	1
Building		8	8
Dairy		2	2
(d) NOT CHARGED:—			
Beggars, Hawkers, Ragpickers		3,279	3,279
Others	58	316	374
Total	108	7,233	7,341

Return of Sentences

Sentence.	Foreigners	Natives	Total
Imprisonment	5	359	364
Cangue		4	4
Expulsion or deportation	2	7	9
Fined	17	271	288
Imprisonment and cangue		5	5
" " expulsion		75	75
" " fined		1	1
Bail forfeited		2,619	2,619
Remanded	7	47	54
Cautioned	1	23	24
Dismissed	6	67	73
Released on Security	2	43	45
Left to Court		55	55
Handed to parents or guardians		10	10
Sent to Reformatory		2	2
" Sinza Refuge		38	38
" Door of Hope		2	2
" Native Authorities		8	8
Handed to French Police		1	1
Escaped from custody		1	1
Committed for trial	5		5
Sent on board ship for punishment	5		5
Total	50	3,638	3,688

Prisoners in Custody on January 31, 1909.

Central Station	57
Louza Station	65
Hongkew Station	58
West Hongkew Station	51
Harbin Road Sub-Station	7
Wayside Station	24
Gaol	897
Yangtszepoo Station	16
Sinza Station	44
Bubbling Well Station	31
Total	1,250

Vehicle Licenses.

	Suspended	Confiscated
Riesha	1,189	1,607
Wheelbarrow	14	—
Handcart	—	4
Total	1,203	1,611

Value of Property Stolen between Jan. 2, 1909, and Jan. 29, 1909.

	Dollars
Stolen	33,892.70
Recovered	28,161.60

Warrants and Summonses.

	Issued	Executed or Served
Warrants	26	39
Summonses	30	90

Dogs.

At Kennels Dec. 31, 08	11	195
Captured	184	
Returned	19	195
Killed	150	
Remaining at Kennels	26	

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MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION.

No. 1947.

DOGS.

Dog owners who have not yet taken out licences for 1909, are requested to make application for the same at the Tax Office.

Attention is directed to condition No. 6 imposed in respect to the licence as follows :—

"That the dog when in the streets "or other public place be effectively "muzzled, but in such a manner as will "admit of its breathing and drinking."

Dogs found without muzzles, whether led or at large, within the limits of the Settlement or on outlying roads, will be seized by the Police and detained at the new Dog Kennels in the Gordon Road, opposite the Police Western Depôt, for a period of one week or longer as circumstances may direct ; their owners, when identified, will be prosecuted. Dogs wearing ineffective muzzles will be regarded as unmuzzled.

Enquiries on the subject of lost or strayed dogs should be made at the Depôt (Telephone No. 3248).

By order,
W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

Council Room,
Shanghai, February 18, 1908.

MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION.

No. 1948.

FOREIGN HOTEL OR TAVERN LICENCES.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Watch Committee will sit on Friday, March 26, 1909, to decide upon the number and locality of foreign hotels and taverns to be licensed during the ensuing year.

Applicants for new licences are required to fill up the usual form, which may be obtained on application to the Tax Office, before March 1.

Thereafter, by public notification, an opportunity will be afforded ratepayers to protest against or support before the Committee the issue or renewal of any licence.

No fresh licences will be issued during the twelve months ensuing after April 1, 1909 and until the next annual sitting of the Committee.

By order,
W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

Council Room,
Shanghai, May 22, 1908.

MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION.

No. 1950.

(*Translation.*)

ANNUAL CONTRACTS.

THE Council is prepared to receive tenders for the following works :—

1. Painting Bridges, Markets, Buildings, etc.
2. Levelling new roads.
3. Raising new roads.
4. Excavating Tidal Ditches.
5. Maintenance of Mud Roads.
6. Supply of Labour and Materials for Metalling new Roads.
7. Supply of Road Materials.
8. Wheeling Road Materials.
9. Barging away Road Detritus.
10. Deepening Creeks.
11. Laying Private Drains.
12. Supply of Cast-iron Gully and Manhole covers.
13. Supply of Timber.
14. Supply of Bricks, Lime, etc.
15. Supply of M. C. R. Stones.
16. Supply of Wrought-iron and Iron Wire.

Specifications may be seen, and all necessary information obtained, upon application at the Public Works Offices, Hankow Road, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Sealed tenders will be received by the undersigned not later than noon on Monday, March 1, 1909.

The Council does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender, or to pay any expenses which the Contractor may incur in tendering. The Contractor whose tender is eventually accepted will be required to give satisfactory security for the due performance of the Contract.

The names of tenderers, with the prices quoted, will be published for general information.

By order,
W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

Council Room,
Shanghai, February 24, 1909.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, February 17, 1909, at 4.30 p.m., there are present :

Messrs. D. Landale (*Chairman*)
W. D. Little
H. A. J. Macray
R. S. F. McBain
J. H. McMichael
O. Meuser
W. A. C. Platt
J. Prentice
The Secretary and
Assistant Secretary.

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

The minutes of the last meeting are read, confirmed, signed by the Chairman and passed for publication.

Volunteers.

Annual Inspection.—The reply of General Broadwood to the Council's application on this subject is read, to the effect that, being unable to hold the Inspection in person, he will appoint a Field Officer for this duty.

Police.

Foreign Branch.—Six months leave of absence is granted to Detective-Inspector McDowell, to date from April 1.

The appointment of C. E. Clarke as 3rd Class Constable is confirmed with effect from February 5.

Convicts' Food.—Of two tenders submitted for various supplies of convicts' food during three months, from February 1 to April 30, in accordance with Notification 1937, acceptance of that of Yung Dah, is authorized ; prices as follows :—

Vegetables	3,200 lbs.	1	cent per lb.
Onions	1,500 „	6½	„ „ „
Salt-fish	550 „	7	„ „ „
Beef	570 „	12½	„ „ „
Pork	570 „	13	„ „ „
Salt	350 „	2½	„ „ „
Bean oil	200 cat.	18	„ per catty
Tea	38 „	20	„ „ „

Convict Labour.—In respect to a question recently raised as to prisoners working on public-roads, a report by the Engineer is read giving as a reason for rolling the Whangpoo Road by means of convicts, the efficient and economical manner in which work of this description can now be so performed. The Council is generally of opinion that convict labour of this form in any of the streets, is not open to objection from the standpoint of the public, and it will, therefore, be adopted wherever convenient.

Policing beyond Limits.

A letter from the Rev. Dr. Hykes to the Captain-Superintendent is submitted, describing the arrest by native runners of his gardener and others on the Siccawei Road. It appears that the men were taken to the Fahwa village yamên and there bambooed and fined. The facts will be communicated to the Consular Body, with the request that the native authorities desist from police functions on municipal roads beyond limits.

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Native Inquests.

A Police report is submitted, referring to the death of a child on February 5, and to the refusal of the Tipao to report the matter to the City Magistrate, and the consequent absence of any inquest. The fees levied by the Magistrate's yamên runners, chair-bearers, and others are such that the Tipao declines to report a case of so little prominence. No reply has been received to the Council's letter to the Senior Consul on this subject of June 29, and it is decided, in laying this new aspect of the case before the Consular Body, to ask that the matter have further and serious consideration.

Public Lighting.

Electricity.—With reference to the surplus equipment of metallic filament lamps, details of which were published with the minutes of February 3, the substitution of this type for the existing ordinary incandescent street lamps on the Garden Bridge and elsewhere is authorized, the balance being available for use in carrying out the special Police proposals, already approved, so far as they admit.

Lay Road.—At the request of the Shanghai Mutual Telephone Co., Ld. four of the above surplus lamps are authorized for erection in this road north of the Yangtszepoo Road.

Bridges.

Chungking Road.—The substitution of a culvert for the existing bridge over the Changpang is authorized. The total cost involved is Tls. 700 of which half will be defrayed by the French Council.

Road Extensions and Widenings.

Peking Road.—In persuance of the policy of effecting the widening of this road so that it may become serviceable for vehicular traffic, westward from the Bund, the proposal of the Engineer is adopted to accept the offer of Mr. T. S. Chang to set back and re-erect five native houses east of Cadastral lot 453 A. The surrender involved measures Mow 0.031 and the agreed inclusive compensation is Tls. 800.

Baikal Road, Lot 2329.—The offer of Mr. H. J. Roope to surrender the Mow 0.174 required from the Studley Park property for the construction of this road in return for reimbursement of his expenditure, Tls 150, in raising the strip and the re-erection by the Council of the fence is authorized for acceptance. A further Mow 0.262 on this southern frontage of the estate calls for free surrender.

Baikal Road, Lots 2642 and 2660.—Negotiations with the owners of these properties, Messrs C. O. and J. Liddell, have been concluded for the surrender of the requisite strips at the assessed value, Tls. 3,500 per mow, plus 10 per cent and less one-third for betterment, as follows :—

Lot 2642	Mow 0.017	Tls.	44
„ 2660	„ 0.151		387
		Tls.	431

Ferry Road.—The question of the surrender of the portion required from Cadastral lot 3343 (Registered owner J. D. Smedley), measuring Mow 0.197, for inclusion in the extension of the above road, and of the compensation payable in respect thereto, has been the subject of correspondence, extending over several years, with Messrs. Alfred Dent & Co. and others. The Council is prepared to pay compensation for the scheduled strip at the assessed value, plus 10 per cent, whereas the owners claim, in addition, a sum of Tls. 2,000 for alleged damage to the property through the construction of the road. In the absence of agreement as to the amount, it has been arranged that the matter be referred to the Land Commission for decision.

Myburgh Road.—In connexion with the extension of this road, and the decision of the Council thereon, published with the minutes of July 15, 1908, the question of compensation payable in respect to the acquisition of the scheduled portions of Cadastral lots 231 and 234 will be referred to the Land Commission for settlement in terms of the following corresp ndence:—

Shanghai, November 21, 1908.

Dear Sir,—With reference to your inquiry as to the terms on which the owners of Cadastral lots 231 and 234 W. will be prepared to surrender the land required for the purposes of the Myburgh Road Extension, I am directed by Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co. to inform you that they will require compensation at the rate of Tls. 20,000 per mow for the land, with an additional 10 per cent for compulsory surrender, and they will further require to be repaid the cost of removing such buildings as are now on the line of the proposed road and of re-erecting same with such fence walls as may be required to enclose their premises from the road.

Their claim will thus be as follows :—

Mow 0.828 required ex Cadastral lots 231 and 234, at Tls. 20,000 per mow, Tls. 16,560, plus 10 per cent for compulsory surrender, Tls. 1,656, plus the cost of pulling down and rebuilding old kitchen in rear of Ewo Stables ; erecting fence wall along new line of road to enclose Ewo Stable compound with the necessary gates cost of pulling down end of building at back of Ewo Stables and rebuilding same to the new line ; cost of pulling down Western block of Ewo Terrace stables and rebuilding same to new line; cost of rebuilding front fence wall of No. 5 Ewo Terrace to new line Tls. 3,500; a total Tls. 21,716.

I am instructed by Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ld. to further state that they are strongly opposed to surrendering the land for this road on any terms, and that it must be clearly understood that they only agree to surrender on the distinct understanding that the proposed road is carried through its full width from Bubbling Well Road to Burkill Road, by the simultaneous surrender of the whole of those portions required to be surrendered for this purpose from the various other lots affected.

I am,

Yours faithfully,

Walter Scott.

C. Mayne, Esq.,
Municipal Engineer.

Council Room,
Shanghai, December 12, 1908.

Sir,—In reply to your letter of November 21, addressed to the Municipal Engineer, containing the claim of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ld. in respect to the surrenders ex Cadastral lots 231 and 234 for the extension of the Myburgh Road, I am directed to state that the rate of Tls. 20,0 0 per mow upon which the claim is based, is regarded as excessive, inasmuch as the values recently placed by yourself upon the two lots for purposes of taxation are but Tls. 12,000 and Tls. 11,000 respectively.

In making a counter-offer upon this latter basis, I am to request that a deduction of one-third may be made from that portion of the claim which relates to Cadastral lot 234, in recognition of the enhanced value of the property which will be due to the construction of the road ; for it cannot be doubted that the corner position which will result at this point will be of the first importance to the property and render it capable of considerable development. In respect to lot 231, the Council does not advance a plea of betterment.

The figure at which you assess the cost of reconstruction, Tls. 3,500, exceeds very considerably that at which it is estimated that the work could be performed, and upon this matter I am to request that you will consult and arrange with the Municipal Engineer, so that there may be no disagreement on the minor point of reinstatement.

The Council's counter-offer in this case is as follows, and should it prove unacceptable, I am to state that the case may with the owners' permission be submitted to the Land Commission so soon as may be convenient.

	Tls.	Tls.
Lot 231 Mow 0.375 at Tls. 12,000 per mow		4,500
Lot 234 Mow 0.455 at Tls. 11,000 per mow	5,005	
less 1/3	1,668	3,337
		7,837
plus 10%		783
plus cost of re-instatement..		2,050
		Tls...10,670

In reply to the concluding paragraph of your letter the Council is unable to give any undertaking as to the completion of the section of the road in question to its full width within any given time. Such is not the local practice as you are aware, for, to cite an instance, the eastern end of the Peking Road remains at a less width

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than it is scheduled only for the convenience of the owners concerned. The Council is, however, prepared to state that vehicular traffic facilities will be provided between the Bubbling Well and Burkill Roads so soon as is possible.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

W. SCOTT, Esq.

Shanghai, February 10, 1909.

DEAR SIR,—With reference to your letter of December 12 on the subject of the Myburgh Road extension through Cad. lots 231 and 234, we are now authorized by Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co. to agree to accept Tls. 3,000 as the cost of the reconstruction involved.

As regards the amount to be paid as compensation for the land to be surrendered, Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ld. are unable to accept the Council's counter-offer.

They consider it entirely inadequate, and quite fail to see how any betterment can be considered to accrue to their property from the proposed road.

They have, therefore, instructed us to inform you that this question must be referred to the Land Commissioners for settlement.

Yours faithfully,
SCOTT, CHRISTIE & JOHNSON.

W. E. LEVESON Esq.,
Secretary, Municipal Council.

Council Room,
Shanghai, February 20, 1909.

GENTLEMEN,—I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of February 10, on the subject of the extension of the Myburgh Road through Cadastral lots 231 and 234, and, in reply thereto, I am to state that, since the Council's offer in respect thereto has proved unacceptable, the matter will, in accordance with the terms of your letter under reply, be referred to the Land Commission, notice of whose next sitting will be conveyed to you in due course.

I am, Gentlemen,
Your obedient servant,
W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

MESSRS. SCOTT, CHRISTIE & JOHNSON.

The question of compensation payable in respect to the surrender of the scheduled portion of Cadastral lot 235 will also be referred to the Commission, as follows :—

Shanghai, November 21, 1908.

DEAR SIR,—With reference to your inquiry as to the terms on which the owner will be prepared to surrender the land required ex Cadastral lot 235 W. for the purpose of the Myburgh Road extension, I am directed to inform you that his claim will be as follows :—

Mow 0152 at Tls. 6,000		
" per mow.....	912.00	
10 % on above for compulsory surrender...	91.20	1,003.20
Cost of pulling down houses on line of new road and of re-erecting buildings to new line, etc.....		220.71
		Tls....1,223.91

I have further to inform you that the owner will only agree to surrender on condition that the proposed road is carried through simultaneously from Bubbling Well Road to Myburgh Road, as unless this is done, there seems to be no object in carrying out the road at all, very good access being already available by passage ways to both Burkill and Bubbling Well Roads.

Yours faithfully,
WALTER SCOTT.

C. MAYNE, Esq.,
Municipal Engineer.

Council Room,
Shanghai, December 12, 1908.

SIR,—In reply to your letter of November 21, addressed to the Municipal Engineer, upon the subject of the extension of the Myburgh Road, and containing your claim in respect to Cadastral lot 235, I am directed to point out that a valuable frontage will be afforded to the lot in question by the construction of the road, and that the resulting enhanced value should, in the Council's opinion, be taken into account in fixing the compensation payable for the scheduled strip. While the existing access by passageway may be held to have sufficed up to the present, it will be conceded that considerable development will be rendered possible with the formation of the road.

The Council is, therefore, prepared to pay compensation upon the basis of the assessed value, plus 10 per cent, with a deduction therefrom of not less than one-third, and accepts the sum of Tls. 220.71 as the cost of the reinstatement of the houses.

I am to state, in conclusion, that the Council cannot in any way bind itself to complete the construction of the Myburgh Road by any definite date, but that vehicular access will be provided so soon as possible to both the Burkill and Bubbling Well Roads.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

W. SCOTT, Esq.,

Shanghai, February 10, 1909.

DEAR SIR,—In reply to your letter of December 12, on the subject of the Myburgh Road Extension Cadastral lot 235, we regret that we are unable to agree with the Council's contention that Lot 235 derives any betterment from the proposed road.

Lot 235 is so small measuring only 0.340 in area that the cutting off of the portion required for the road leaves it of such a size as to make it very difficult to deal with, and we consider that this is eminently a case in which the full value should be paid.

If the Council is unable to agree to this we regret that the matter must be placed before the Land Commissioners for decision.

Yours faithfully,
SCOTT, CHRISTIE & JOHNSON.

W. E. LEVESON, Esq.,
Secretary, Municipal Council.

Council Room,
Shanghai, February 20, 1909.

GENTLEMEN,—I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of February 10, with reference to the extension of the Myburgh Road ex Cadastral lot 235, and in reply thereto, to state that the Council is of opinion that, for the reasons outlined in my letter of December 12, a deduction for betterment is distinctly called for in the present case. The proportionate figure of one-third was suggested as being one likely to secure a prompt settlement of the terms of surrender, for the opinion is not lacking that the enhanced value accruing to the remainder of the lot through the construction of the road warrants the deduction of an even larger proportion.

Since, however, you are unwilling to concede this point the matter must be left in the hands of the Land Commission, in accordance with your proposal. A plan will, accordingly, be prepared and forwarded for your signature at an early date, and due notice conveyed to you of the next meeting of the Commission.

I am, Gentlemen,
Your obedient servant,
W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

MESSRS. SCOTT, CHRISTIE & JOHNSON.

Annual Meeting of Ratepayers.

The date for the Meeting is arranged for Wednesday, March 17, at 3 o'clock p.m.

A letter from Messrs. T. Morgan Phillips and H. P. Wilkinson is read, notifying the Council of the following Resolution which they will submit to the Meeting :—

Resolved: "That considering the "congested condition of traffic on the "Nanking Road, and the present "insanitary state of the Yangkingpang, "the Council of the Foreign Settlement "is hereby empowered to enter into "negotiations with the French Muni-"cipal Council to culvert the Yang-"kingpang, provided that the last "named Council is still prepared to "defray half the cost of the undertaking. "And it is further resolved that to "enable this work to be carried out, "with as little delay as possible, this "Council is hereby authorized to issue "an additional loan to cover the neces-"sary cost."

The meeting adjourns at 6.25 p.m.

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Notification of Infectious Disease.

The following have been reported during the week ending Sunday February 21, 1909.	Death among Chinese population of 550,000	Cases notified among Non-Chinese population of 15,000.
Small-pox.	1	0
Cholera.	0	0
Typhoid Fever	—	1
Diphtheria.	0	0
Scarlet Fever.	0	0
Tuberculosis	6	2
Total Deaths from all Cases	101	5

ARTHUR STANLEY,
Health Officer.

Summary of Plague Prevention Work

during the week ending February 20, 1909.

	District			
	Eastern	Northern	Central	Western
Rats found dead and brought to the Laboratory for examination..	124	86	122	42
Rats plague infected	6	1	0	0
Traps in operation	420	420	690	273
Rats trapped and burnt	214	449	475	153
Poisoned baits laid.	5964	2100	15000	782
Houses temporarily rat-proofed and disinfected under notice to occupier	137	120	39	38
Houses rat-proofed under notice to owners.....	0	0	0	0
Persons vaccinated against plague....	11	10	75	0

ARTHUR STANLEY,
Health Officer.

Public Band

The attendance on Sunday, February 21, numbered 631, and the Hall was emptied in 6 minutes.

The programme for Sunday, February 28, will be as follows:—

1.—Prelude and Siciliana—
"Cavelleria Rusticana" Mascagni
2.—Selection—"Pagliacci" Leoncavallo
(*a*) Minuet
(*b*) Serenade
(*c*) Intermezzo
3.—Selection — "Adrienne Lecouvreur".....Cilea

4.—Scènes Pittoresques ...Massenet
5.—Suite—"Carmen".....Bizet
6.—Overture—"Mignon"..Thomas

Conductor-in-charge, Mr. R. BUCK.

Engineer's Report for January.

Owing to the combined influence of the Chinese New Year holidays and several days of bad weather, the outside work done by the Department during the month has been somewhat less than usual, the average number of daily labourers employed being 1,623 or about 300 less than that for an ordinary month.

The work of extending roads in the Western and Eastern Districts is well in hand and several new roads along high land have been recently formed and culverted. These roads will open up a large area of excellent building land.

The culverting of the Chang Pang from Defence Creek to Manila Road—towards the cost of which the French Council is contributing half—has been commenced. When this is completed a new roadway will eventually be formed about 100 feet in width along the boundary between the Settlements.

The widening of the Nanking Road adjoining the new Palace Hotel Extension was put in hand towards the end of the month. It is of interest to note that the land required for this widening was arranged for as far back as 1904, but the making up of the road has been delayed owing to non-completion of the Hotel buildings.

The Council of one of the large London Boroughs is now considering the advisability of substituting metal filament electric lamps for incandescent gas and the Electricity Department, which is in the hands of the Council, has offered to supply a light of 50 c.p., at an inclusive charge of £3.3.0 per annum, made up as follows:—

	£	s.	d.
Current 22.8 units @ 6d.	11.	5	
Current 223 units @ 1d.	18.	7	
Lamp Renewals 3½ @ 3/-	10.	6	
Cleaning and Repairs	8.	0	
Loan 13 years	14.	6	
	£3.	3.	0

The price charged by the Shanghai Electricity Department for 60 c.p. metal filament lamps is Tls. 27 per annum.

The following is a summary of the work done by the Department during the month:—

Works in Progress.—New Quarters for Foreigners, Hongkew Police Station. Inspector's Quarters, Wayside Police Station. Removal and enlargement of Sinza Market. Native Police Hospital adjoining Victoria Nursing Home. Western Police Depôt, Gordon Road. Laying 3-ft. diam. culvert at the junction of Penang Road and Kiaochow Road. Erecting iron railings and stanchions along Hart Road north of Sinza Road. Laying 3-ft. diam. culvert a ong Avenue Road east of Gordon Road. Laying 4-ft. 6-in. diam. culvert along the Chang Pang from Defence Creek to Manila Road. Bricking and metalling the mud track along Weihaiwei Road between Chungking Road and Yates Road. Draining, bricking and metalling along Bubbling Well Road west of Yates Road. Raising Chengtu Road between Great Western Road and Weihaiwei Road. Raising Bubbling Well Cemetery Extension. Laying 2-ft. 3-in. by 1-ft. 6-in. sewer along North Honan Road. Laying 4-ft. 6-in. diam. culvert at the junction of Thorburn Road and Baikal Road. Raising Baikal Road. Raising Rangoon Road. Road widening at the corner of Hanbury Road and Woosung Road. Extending 2-ft. 3-in. by 1-ft. 6-in. culvert at Wayside Police Station. Laying 3-ft. diam. culvert across Baikal Road east of Yangtszepoo Road. Extending 3-ft. diam. culvert across Baikal Road east of Macgregor Road. Making up Kaifeng Road west of North Thibet Road. Making up North Soochow Road west of North Chekiang Road.

Works Finally completed.—Extra storey to Guard Room at Gaol. Additions to Godown, Electricity Works. Removal of Dog Kennels to Western Police Depôt. Laying 4-ft. 6-in. diam. culvert across Ferry Road north of Penang Road. Laying 3-ft. diam. culvert across Penang Road east of Ferry Road. Laying 3-ft. diam. culvert at the junction of Sinza Road and Kiaochow Road. Laying 4-ft. 6-in. diam. culvert along the Yung Zeen Pang west of Hart Road. Raising Sinza Road west of Hart Road. Raising Ferry Road north of Penang Road. Bricking and metalling Myburgh Road south of Burkill Road. Forming new pathway along Seymour Road and Weihaiwei Road. Constructing 7-ft. 6-in. by 6-ft. culvert at the junction of Baikal Road and Lay Road. Laying 3-ft. culvert at the junction of Rangoon Road and Road Extension No. 26 E. Road widening at the corner of Hanbury Road and Woosung Road.

Plans completed.—Chang Pang culvert from Defence Creek to Manila Road. Plan of site and house at proposed extension to Council's Sanatorium, Mokanshan. Plan of proposed Bund Reclamation. Proposed steel bridge along Sinza Road to replace existing wooden bridge over the Tsze Pang. Section of Kiangse Road existing sewer and proposed sewer to replace same. Section of East Yuhang Road from Kalgan Road to Kungping Road. Section of Whashing Road south of Yangtszepoo Road. Re-erection of old Steam Disinfector at Isolation Hospital.

Cleansing.—62 cartloads of garbage, 3,446 cartloads of road detritus and 2,513 cartloads of gully deposit were collected during the month.

Quarry.—3,761 tons of road materials have been received during the month from the Quarry. 873 tons were dispatched from the Quarry for account of the French Council during the month.

Concreteware.—The following concreteware has been made at the Range Road Depôt during the month:—

Hand made	751 pieces.
Machine made ...	346 „
Total...	1,097 „

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Creeks and River.—2,686 tons of mud were dredged and removed from the Defence Creek, and 4,213 tons from the mouth of the Soochow Creek between the Garden Bridge and the Whangpoo River.

New Buildings.—30 sets of plans for 157 new buildings were approved during January and of these, 8 sets were submitted by foreigners and 22 by Chinese.

Summonses.—On the 15th instant, Tsz Aug-sung was summoned at the Mixed Court for having erected two native bungalows off Tongshan Road without having first obtained a permit. The Court allowed him until March 7 to have plans approved and houses re-erected in accordance with same.

During the month, Yang Da-dee, Tsu Yoong-sien and Sung Lei-ching, were summoned for having erected matsheds and using the same for dwelling purposes, without having first obtained a permit. The two former were each fined $1 and allowed seven days in which to remove the sheds, whilst Sung Lei-ching was ordered to obtain a permit at once, his shed being for temporary use only.

Dangerous Structures.

Notices as to dangerous structures received from the public	0
Dangerous structures reported by P.W.D.	7
Notices as to dangerous structures received from other Departments.	3*

*Found not necessary to serve notices.

Notices issued	"A" 7	
	"B" 1	8

Summary of work done during the month.

Description of Work.	Total.
Buildings under construction § ...	142
Plans submitted for sanction	31
Plans approved	30
Inspections by Inspectors	893
Permits for Carpenters' sheds, etc.	15
,, Repairs to Buildings.	21
,, New Shop Fronts ...	9
,, Painting	134
,, Alterations	18
,, Erecting Fences.....	18
,, Erecting Sign Boards	44
,, Erecting Drying Stages.....	7
Dangerous Notices served	8
Summonses	4

§These figures refer to the number of blocks of buildings under construction, the number of houses would be considerably greater.

Survey Work.

Official measurements of new land lots attended during the month..	17
Cadastral certificates issued	73
Consular lots surveyed	28
Surveys made in connexion with road widenings and extensions...	36
Lots examined to ascertain whether they included roads or waterways which are or may in future be of use to the public	76

M. C. R. stones have been erected as follows:—

Western District	16	stones.
Northern ,,	7	,,
Eastern ,,	3	,,
Total	26	,,

CHAS. MAYNE,
Engineer & Surveyor.

Health Officer's Report for January.

Small-pox continues to be almost completely absent, which is all the more remarkable as the disease is reported epidemic in other parts of China. This speaks well for the intelligence of the Chinese community in Shanghai in availing themselves of the free vaccination provided daily at the Health Office and its out-stations.

That no less than six foreign cases of Tuberculosis were notified during the month calls attention to the need for further measures against this, the most deadly of all preventable diseases.

There have been no human cases of Plague but the position as regards rats continues grave. The systematic collection of rats found dead in the streets, alleys and among the house refuse and their examination for Plague in the Laboratory affords an accurate index to the prevalence of this disease among rats and is of great value in enabling plague-prevention work to be concentrated where most required. Of 1,118 rats found dead (excluding trapped rats) during January, 26 or 2.3 per cent were plague infected as against 1,359 rats found dead and 50 or 3.7 per cent plague infected from the 8th until the end of December. The figures indicate a considerable reduction in plague rats; but the actual state is not so satisfactory, the smaller number of plague rats being, to some extent, due to the smaller proportion of rats found in the Eastern district, where the epizootic is most marked. Although the plague situation is hopeful, it will be impossible until the end of next month to give an opinion on the results of the plague-preventive measures put into operation.

Certain ratepayers, who have the best interests of the Settlement at heart, have suggested that a bounty should be given for rats, so as to encourage their destruction generally in the Settlement. The bounty system has been tried in many plague-infected places; but after a period of trial has been given up. In Shanghai there are also special reasons against it, the most important of which is, that it would seriously interfere with the plague survey of the Settlement, which is now made in the Laboratory by examination of rats found dead. A pretty complete system of rat collection exists, whereby each sanitary coolie is furnished with appliances and disinfectant, which largely reduce the danger of dealing with rats dead of Plague. The rats are labelled with the exact locality where found and are examined for Plague in the Laboratory. Thus are dangerous foci of infection localised, so that it is possible to concentrate preventive measures where danger lies. The importance of this measure for preventive purposes requires to be emphasized. In respect to the finding of such foci of rat infection Shanghai is fortunately placed, as it possesses an exceptionally complete organization for the collection of house refuse. This work is not done through a contractor but the coolies are Municipal employees under the direct control of the foreign staff and are, indeed, useful sanitary units, whose function it is not only to collect house refuse and ensure general cleanliness but to report native deaths; and to these duties are now added the collection of rats found dead (excluding trapped rats) which furnishes so important an index for plague-preventive work. For in this way it is possible to locate the foci of plague infection among rats and so permit of concentration of preventive measures rather than dissipation of energy by general measures. One of the first essentials in attacking an enemy is to know where that enemy is—to have a definite objective. Were a bounty given for dead rats, the rats, which are now brought to the Laboratory by our own staff, would be kept by persons interested in getting the bounty and this would not only submit them to unnecessary danger of infection by handling rats dead of Plague, which is avoided by our own staff (who have not only been vaccinated against Plague but are instructed in the proper methods of dealing safely with plague rats,) but would result in these rats, which die naturally, being mixed with those trapped: and this would not only make it impossible to localise plague-infected rats but, by reason of the greatly increased number, their examination would be beyond the powers of the present Laboratory staff. At present trapped rats are not examined in the Laboratory but are burnt at the Disinfection Station: it would, indeed, be a waste of time to examine them for Plague. The bounty system would, therefore, in this respect, defeat organized plague-preventive measures. Although the above, from the practical point of view, is the most important reason against the bounty system there are others, more obvious, due to the mental obliquity of the oriental.

Another suggestion has been publicly made that street corner lectures should be given on Plague Prevention. A somewhat similar mode of disseminating sanitary knowledge has been continuously in operation in this Settlement since the Cholera outbreak of 1907. In that year fuglemen were employed to recite the Cholera Prevention Notice in the colloquial throughout the Settlement to crowds collected by a bell. The idea was suggested by the crowds attracted by the professional story-teller in the tea-shops. Subsequent to the Cholera outbreak in 1907 these fuglemen have been employed to recite notices dealing with the prevention of Tuberculosis, vaccination and general sanitary measures, as occasion arose. Since the finding of Plague rats a summary of individual measures for

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Plague Prevention and the Cat Notice have been disseminated in the same way by reciting, explaining and distributing handbills in the likely places throughout the Settlement.

The subject of extermination of mosquitoes has been brought up and, in order to correct an impression which appears to be frequently held that the matter has not received much attention in this Settlement, it may be stated that for the last ten years the Health Department has been working continuously at the subject, attacking the primary cause, namely, stagnant water. Those who can remember this Settlement ten years ago will have some idea of the enormous amount of stagnant water which has been got rid of. The use of kerosine is recommended in the Public Health Notice as an individual measure, but is of secondary importance. The complete elimination of mosquitoes from the Settlement is practically impossible. It is necessary to consider the low level condition of the Settlement and its surroundings, the network of waterways and presence of rice-fields within the immediate vicinity, which furnish all the conditions in which the mosquito luxuriates. The centre of the Settlement is practically free from stagnant water and the few mosquitoes that are met with are bred in pots, kongs, tubs and water plants containing stagnant water on private premises or brought by the wind, which can carry mosquitoes a mile or more. Were all stagnant water eliminated within an area extending a mile outside the inhabited part of the Settlement and care taken by householders to see that no pots, tubs, kongs, waterplants and what not furnished the stagnant water which is necessary for the development of the larvæ and were no ponds, ornamental and otherwise, permitted in public or private gardens, mosquitoes would stand a poor chance of surviving. Meanwhile the best measure in this Settlement is to go on getting rid of stagnant water both in and around houses and on land. It may be noted that a small pot, barrel or kong containing a little water may lead to the development of enough mosquitoes to irritate a whole neighbourhood.

Here follow tables of Vital Statistics, Infectious Disease and Outdoor Sanitary Work including a special summary of Plague Prevention Work; work done in the Municipal Laboratory, Municipal Hospitals and Slaughter-house; and lists of premises licensed for the protection of the Public Health.

ARTHUR STANLEY,
Health Officer.

Deaths.

	Foreign. Resident.	Foreign. Non-Resident.	Native.
Small-pox	0	0	1
Cholera	0	0	0
Typhoid Fever	1	0	—
Diphtheria	0	0	5
Scarlet Fever	0	0	1
Tuberculosis	1	0	70
From all causes	12	5	537

Infectious Disease Notified Among Foreign Resident Population.

Small-pox	0
Cholera	0
Typhoid Fever	3
Diphtheria	3
Scarlet Fever	1
Tuberculosis	6

Municipal Laboratory.

Small-pox vaccine issued	2175 tubes.
Vaccinations	28
Diphtheria Antitoxin issued	15 bottles.
Cases undergoing anti-rabic treatment	1
Bacteriological examinations	79
Analysis	45

Report on Analysis of Water.

Sample received January 30, 1909.

Report sent out February 4, 1909.

Sample of Shanghai Waterworks Co.'s Water.

Physical Characters.—Yellowish green colour with considerable opacity. Slightly alkaline reaction.

Solid Matter in Solution	11.6
a.—Volatile	5.3
b.—Fixed	6.3
Appearance on Ignition	Slight Charring
Total Hardness	7.5
a.—Temporary	4.0
b.—Permanent	3.0
Chlorine	2.3
Nitrogen as Nitrates	0.0338
Saline Ammonia	0.0026
Albuminoid Ammonia	0.0133
Poisonous Metals	Nil
Nitrites	Nil
Phosphates	Nil
Sulphates	Traces.

Bacteriological Examination.—Gelatine plates at 23°c. yielded an average of 22 micro-organisms per c.c.

Agar plates at blood heat showed 6 microbe colonies per c.c.

Organisms of the Coli group were present in quantities of 0.5 c.c. and upwards.

Report on Analysis.—A sample of water of good degree of bacterial and chemical purity.

Slaughter-House Returns.

	Slaughtered.	Rejected at Slaughter-house.	Passed for Slaughter from Cattle-sheds.	Passed for Export from Cattle-sheds.	Rejected at Cattle-sheds.
Oxen	1351	1	1351	0	0
Sheep	2483	4	2483	11	1
Calves	386	0	386	0	0
Pigs	333	3	0	0	0

Victoria Nursing Home.

Cases admitted	32
Discharged	29
Died	2
Remaining last day of month	21
Nursed outside the Home	2
Daily visits	0
Nursing pre-engagements	1

Isolation Hospitals

		Foreign.	Native.
Cases Admitted—	Small-pox	0	0
	Cholera	0	0
	Typhoid Fever	0	0
	Diphtheria	0	0
	Scarlet Fever	1	0
	Other Diseases	2	9
Discharged		6	21
Died		0	1
Remaining last day of month		1	8

Sanitary Work.

Complaints of insanitary conditions received from the public	14
Insanitary conditions reported by Health Office	87
Written intimations issued for sanitary amendment	15
Second written intimations issued for sanitary amendment	3
Notices of intention to proceed served.	0
Samples taken for analysis	13
Pounds of unsound food destroyed	614
Food prosecutions	2
House refuse prosecutions	17
Laundry and other prosecutions	2
Enquiries after notification of foreign cases of infectious disease	13
Enquiries after notification of Chinese cases of and deaths from infectious disease	49
Rooms disinfected after infectious disease	104
Articles of clothing, bedding, etc., disinfected by steam	1352
Rooms whitewashed	1247
Ventilation and lighting amended	17
Defective drainage amended	39
Insanitary latrines and urinals rendered healthy	7
Insanitary ditches, ponds and creeks rendered healthy	13
Night-soil pits and kongs abolished	1
Exposed coffined corpses removed and buried	9
Smoke nuisances suppressed	1
Offensive trade processes amended	0
Insanitary wells abolished	0
Tons of ordure removed	6566
Tons of house refuse removed	10559
Other unhealthy conditions amended	5
Hawkers brought into Markets	226
Plague Prevention nofice sreved on occupiers	749
Plague Prevention notice served on owners	22

Summary of Plague Prevention Work

During January, 1909.

	District				Total
	Eastern	Northern	Central	Western	
Rats found dead and brought to the Laboratory for examination	178	293	383	145	1118
Rats plague infected	18	3	5	1	26
No. of traps in operation	688	460	612	110	1869
No. of rats trapped and burnt	1995	1754	1584	128	5461
Poisoned baits laid	—	75,30	00	420	31170
Houses temporarily rat-proofed and disinfected under notice to occupiers	339	221	—	—	568
Houses rat-proofed under notice to owners	—	—	—	—	—
Persons vaccinated against plague	77	5	—	66	148

* Including outside districts.

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Licensed Laundries.

Laundry.	Situation.
EASTERN	DISTRICT.
Ah Chow	465-6 Dent Road
Ah Kung	467 do.
Old Ah Foo	469-71 do.
Jackson	472-3 do.
Big Sam	66-8 Dent Lane
Jim	1858 Seward Road
Wo Yue	1859 do.
Yue Shing	1860 do.
Ching Kee	1861 do.
Mew Shing	1862 do.
Ah Ling	1863 do.
Big Jim	1192 Yuhang Road
Ah Kee	222 Tongshan Road
No. 1 Kashing	262-3 do.
No. 2 „	260-1 do.
No. 3 „	258-9 do.
No. 4 „	257-8 do.
No. 5 „	256 do.
No. 6 „	255 do.
No. 7 „	254 do.
No. 8 „	253 do.
No. 9 „	251-2 do.
No. 10 „	250-1 do.
No. 11 „	249 do.
No. 12 „	248 do.
No. 13 „	247 do.
No. 14 „	245-6 do.
No. 15 „	243-4 do.
No. 16 „	242 do.
No. 17 „	241 do.
No. 18 „	240 do.
No. 19 „	239 do.
Nos. 20-50 „	237-238 do.
NORTHERN	DISTRICT.
Yak Shing	846 Woosung Road
Miller	308 Miller Road
Chin Kee	1113 Woosung Road
Wong Ah Sam	1381 Haining Road
N Y K.	N. Szechuen Rd. Ex.
Yah Tah Tung	Pd 2818 HainingRd.
International No.—13	y709-723 N. Szechuen Rd. Ex.
Japanese	Pd 778 Elgin Road
WESTERN	DISTRICT.
YungShingWashingCo	314-309 C'king Rd.
Woo Kee Washing Co.	259 Taku Road
Doo Foo Washing Co.	55 Yates Road
Ziang Shing „ „	24 Weihaiwei Rd
Shs Shing Washing Co.	104-105 „
Yung Sun Washing Co.	210 „
„ „ „ „	210 „
„ „ „ „	210 „
„ „ „ „	210 „
„ „ „ „	210 „

Licensed Butchers, Poultry, Game and Vegetable Dealers.

Butchers.	Situation.
NORTHERN	DISTRICT.
W. Futterer	1106 Broadway
Fritz Pasche	7 „
R. Neumann	Astor Road
Wong Sie Shang	72 Tiendong Road
Kyung YueShing	671 „ „
Tsiang Ka Va	672 „ „
Lo Jung	957 Woochang Road
Sieu Kam Cheong	5 and 6 Market Road
Wong Yeek Sang	17 „ „
Vee Ching Kee	1457 Woosung Road
An Sing	1578 „ „
H. Möhle	178 Boone Road
CENTRAL	DISTRICT.
Hop Foong	17 Maloo Market
Hong Kee	19 „ „
Yeh Tai	27 „ „
Tsin Tai	28 „ „
Yong Ta	29 „ „
Hopkins	1 Ningpo Road
Vegetable	and Game.
NORTHERN	DISTRICT
Tsau Sung Ling	677 Tiendong Road
Yue Ming Kwai	1451 Woosung Road
Vee Fah Kee	122 Market Road
Sau Z. Yoong	32 & 33 Miller Road
CENTRAL	DISTRICT.
Tsao Sung Ling	12 Maloo Market
Lin Yun Kung	14 „ „
Tsu Chee Ling	15 „ „
Ve Ah Sun	16 „ „
Loh Ah Sai	18 „ „
Nui Ah Char	26 „ „
Zung Tsau Ming	30 „ „
Bah Yung Ling	31 „ „
Chu Wai Chu	33 „ „

Licensed Dairies.

Dairy.	Situation.
EASTERN	DISTRICT.
Riverside Farm	76 Yangtszepoo Road
Shanghai Dairy	„ „
InshallahDairyFarm	71 Ward Road
Sung Shing Dairy	Thorburn Road
Yangtszepoo Dairy	„ „
Fa-field Dairy	19 Kwenming Road
Wayside Dairy	1543 Tongshan Road
Tuh Shing	East Kashing Road
NORTHERN	DISTRICT.
Home Farm	N. Szechuen Road
Paoshan Dairy	Paoshan
Hongkew Dairy	N. Szechuen Road
Yong Shu Fong	N. Honan Road
Mo Hung Shing	N. Szechuen Road
Ching Kee	N. Honan Road
Hong Kee	N. Szechuen Road
Pau Chee	N. Honan Road
Shing Chee	N. Honan Road
Family Farm	N. Szechuen Rd. Ex
WESTERN	DISTRICT.
The Farm	Siccawei Road
Crawford's Farm	„ „
St. George's Farm	Bubbling Well Road
Swiss Farm	„ „ „
Culty's Dairy	Route d'Oumer
Lemke's (Private) Dairy	460 Ave. Paul Brunat
Hung Fei's Dairy	Bubbling Well Road
Yuen Sang	„ „ „
Zee Butler	601 Burkill Road
Gordon Rd. Dairy Co.	1128 Gordon Road
Yui Chong	756 Avenue Road
Fok Kyi	1401 „ „
Hop Shing	1 Yu Yuen Road
Nee Shing	Markham Road
Yok Kyi	MedhurstRoad
Austln. Dairy Form	Siccawei Road

Concreteware.

The following is the Price List of drain pipes and other articles manufactured. The prices quoted are *ex* Depôt in Range Road near Woosung Road. Applications for delivery orders should be made at the Public Works Office, Hankow Road. All pipes and tubes are two feet long exclusive of socket.

Size.	Description.	Price.
		Tls.
12″	Pipes (machine made)	0.90
9″	„	0.70
6″	„ (machine made)	0.40
4″	„ (machine made)	0.25
6″	Bends	0.70
12″	Inverts	0.75
9″	„	0.50
6″	„	0.22
6″	Knuckle Bends	0.60
4″	„ „	0.40
3'0″	Circular Tubes	7.00
2'0″	„ „	3.70
2'3″ × 1'6″	Egg-shapedSewerTubes	4.30
2'3″ × 1'6″	Egg-shapedSewer Drain Mouths	7.00
1'6″ × 1'0″	Egg-shaped SewerTubes	1.95
2'3″ × 1'6″	„ „ Inverts	2.35
1'6″ × 1'0″	„ „ „	1.20
6″	Junctions, extra	0.30
4″	„ „	0.20
4″ × 2″	Pavement Tubes	0.33
No. 13	Yard Gullies (Fig. A) including cover	0.80
No. 13A	Yard Gullies (Fig. B) including cover	2.00
No. 19	Yard Gullies (Fig. C) including cover	2.55
	Revolving Top Gullies	1.00
	Covers for Fig. A Gullies	0.20
	„ „ B „	0.25
	„ „ C „	0.25
9″	Interceptors	3.45
9″ to 6″	Taper Pipes	0.75
6″ to 4″	„ „	0.50
2'0″	Gutters	0.45
4'0″ × 1'6″	Street Gullies	5.50
4'0″ × 2'0″	Kitchen Sinks	5.00
2'6″ × 2'0″	„ „	4.00

Municipal Laboratory.

Analysis and tests will be made for the public as follows:—

1.—The right is reserved of refusing samples which may not be of sufficient public importance to warrant analysis.

2.—Where purity of food is in question, which may influence Public Health, analysis may, at the discretion of the Health Officer, be undertaken at a nominal fee.

3.—The locality from which samples come must be clearly described.

4.—Crushed samples will not be received for analysis.

5.—All samples analysed will remain the property of the Council.

6.—TheCouncil will not recognize any claims arising from results of analysis.

	Tls.
Water (chemical and bacterial):	50
Milk.	5
Butter.	30
Liquors.	40
Minerals, alloys, metals, etc.:	
Qualitative test for one constituent	10
Qualitative analysis complete	25
Quantitative analysis: each constituent	35
Coal:	
General analysis	35
Calorific value	15
Petrol, benzie, kerosene, lubricating and other oils:	
General analysis	50
Flash point only	5
Building materials: cement, mortar, lime, etc.:	
Chemical and physical tests as to quality	50
Toxicological examinations:	
Qualitative	50
Quantitative	100

Fees for other examinations and any further information can be obtained on a plication to the Health Office.

Quantities which should be submitted for analysis:—

Milk and Liquors,	1 pint
Butter,	1 pound
Water,	1 gallon

When bacterial examination is required water should be sent packed in ice except in very cold weather.

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SHOWING ESTIMATED AND ACTUAL

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

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ORDINARY INCOME.	Estimated.		Received.	
	Tls.	Tls.	Tls.	Tls.
LAND TAX.				
At 6/10ths of 1 per cent on assessed value of property, less 20 per cent		683,520		685,104.54
GENERAL MUNICIPAL RATE.				
FOREIGN.				
At 12 per cent on assessed rental of rateable Foreign houses	435.000		453,659.88	
At 6 per cent on the same beyond Settlement limits, under provision of the agreement of July 1, 1905, with the Shanghai Waterworks Co., Ld.	8,000		10,451.72	
NATIVE.				
At 10 per cent on assessed rental of rateable Chinese houses from January 1 to March 31	142.200		139,723.21	
At 12 per cent on assessed rental of rateable Chinese houses from April 1 to December 31	515.100		496.033.33	
At 5 per cent on the same beyond Settlement limits as above from January 1 to March 31	1,900		2,533.94	
At 6 per cent on the same beyond Settlement limits as above from April 1 to December 31	6,800		7,978.14	
		1,109,000		1,110,380.22
WHARFAGE DUES.				
Council's share of dues, as per tariff, on goods passed through the Custom House		175,000		157,957.04
LICENCE FEES.				
Foreign Hotel and Tavern	6,500		6,251.08	
Foreign Liquor Seller	18,500		18,363.04	
Restaurant	4,700		4,760.00	
Billiard and Bowling Saloon	700		667.50	
Native Lodging House	5,800		6,647.23	
Native Wine Shop	9,500		9,957.96	
Tea Shop	5,700		5,895.76	
Foreign Theatre	1,200		2,249.00	
Native Theatre	3,000		3,728.00	
Pawn Shop	17,500		16,881.31	
Opium Shop	4,000		5,770.23	
Opium House...	58,000		48,454.19	
Cargo Boat	5,800		5,263.97	
Ferry and Passenger Boat	1,100		1,107.66	
Steam Launch	2,200		2,252.90	
Native Boat	3,800		3,652.38	
Sampan	1,600		1,469.96	
Private-owned Pony and Carriage	14,000		15,367.60	
Livery Stable	25,000		27,611.34	
Motor Car	2,100		2,428.34	
Cart	17,000		15,893.80	
Private-owned Ricsha...	40,000		37,251.97	
Public Ricsha	95,000		107,699.29	
Sedan Chair	5,800		5,450.25	
Wheelbarrow	37,000		33,302.06	
Firearms	10,000		2,025.00	
Dog	800		955.52	
		396,300		391,357.34
RENT OF MUNICIPAL PROPERTIES.				
Markets	35,000		36,147.48	
Town Hall	1,000		730.00	
Firemen's Quarters	1,400		1,880 00	
Cadastral Lot 168 C to February 29	700		700.00	
Miscellaneous			722.74	
		38,100		40,180.22
CONTRIBUTIONS FROM PUBLIC COMPANIES.				
Shanghai Gas Co., Ld., Discount of 25% on the cost public lighting	6,000		5,925.81	
Shanghai Mutual Telephone Co., Ld. Dividend of 8% on 1,000 shares from April 1, 1907, to December 31, 1908.	7.000		1,500.00	
Shanghai Electric Construction Co., Ld., Royalty of 5% on gross receipts from Tramway Service	15,000		10,758.99	
		28,000		18,184.80
TOTAL OF ORDINARY INCOME		2,429,920		2,403,164.16

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ORDINARY EXPENDITURE.	Estimated.		Expended.	
	Tls.	Tls.	Tls.	Tls.
POLICE.				
Pay and Allowances.				
Foreigners	250,480		216,986.89	
Rent Allowance	3,720		2,980.03	
Fuel and Light Allowance	1,320		1,352.00	
Language Allowance for proficiency in Chinese	15,000		14,225.63	
Allowance for Sergeants on duty at Mixed Court	900		1,174.57	
Indians	90,915		67,382.00	
Language Allowance for proficiency in English and Chinese	2,000		1,091.24	
Drill, Traffic and Rent Allowances	3,500		2,245.96	
Deferred Pay	14,000		10,927.44	
Chinese	92,232		90,301.28	
Allowance for increased rates of pay	10,000			
Allowance to men on traffic duty	120		112.51	
Detectives—Foreigners	28,980		26,757.35	
Chinese	11,880		13,684.00	
Merit allowance	240		443.35	
Office Staff	13,930		14,321.66	
Chinese Teachers			3,280.06	
Superannuation	28,510		22,783.16	
Passages	30,000		28,452.89	
Medical aid.				
Pay of Indian Medical Assistant	720		417.94	
Medicines	500		1,038.02	
Hospital charges	4,000		5,527.40	
Uniform and equipment	45,000		57,067.02	
Funeral expenses	500		29.70	
Expenses of prisoners in station cells.				
Food	5,000		9,704.26	
Clothing	800		2,765.10	
Photographs	450		811.01	
Miscellaneous expenses	450		740.79	
Insurance	1,250		1,078.07	
Printing and Stationery	5,076		6,472.03	
Fuel	6,000		17,352.69	
Light	12,000		17,550.38	
Water	2,000		3,093.29	
Telephone service	1,800		2,030.93	
Expenses for catching stray dogs 1,205		(1,135.63)		
Less—Redemption fees 1,200		(1,104.12)		
	5		31.51	
Locomotion	4,100		7,899.01	
Patrol Ponies.				
Pay of Mafoos	1,000		1,144.61	
Fodder, Shoeing, Clipping, etc.	4,400		3,242.95	
Repairs to Saddlery	200		438.51	
Recruiting expenses in England and India	2,500		9,051.34	
Maintenance and Repairs				
Furniture and Fittings	800		1,870.96	
Arms	200		140.94	
Gratuities and Rewards	1,000		1,296.24	
Musketry Course	900		1,301.92	
Miscellaneous expenses	8,000		4,147.32	
		706,378		674,745.96
Less.				
Mixed Court Fines	40,000		39,784.14	
Receipts for special services	20,000		19,704.76	
Proceeds from sale of unclaimed property	1,600		697.83	
		61,600		60,186.73
Carried forward		644,778		614,559.23

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ORDINARY EXPENDITURE—*continued*	Estimated.		Expended.	
	Tls.	Tls.	Tls.	Tls.
Brought forward		644,778		614,559.23
POLICE—*continued.*				
GAOL.				
Pay and Allowances.				
Foreigners	12,800		11,993.36	
Language Allowance for proficiency in Chinese	580		923.90	
Indians	11,095		12,169.56	
Deferred Pay	1,815		1,727.17	
Chinese	1,155		1,594.13	
Superannuation	1,220		1,070.16	
Passages	675		133.29	
Medical aid	950		807.95	
Uniform	2,200		3,203.42	
Insurance	380		362.98	
Printing and Stationery	400		339.42	
Fuel	3,000		2,868.75	
Light	1,650		1,975.48	
Water	500		631.00	
Food for Convicts	13,000		16,656.82	
Clothing for Convicts	5,000		7,630.51	
Locomotion	250		201.12	
Miscellaneous expenses	2,545		2,281.23	
	59,215		66,620.25	
Less—Profit on convict labour	12,000		26,372.86	
		47,215		40,247.39
STOCK AND STORES.				
Furniture for Stations, Gaol and Quarters	10,000		17,022.45	
Lamps, whistles, truncheons and handcuffs	400		1,467.94	
100 Rifles	2,000		2,294.13	
Motor Car and accessories	3,500		3,274.09	
Remounts for Police patrol	1,000			
Miscellaneous	5,000		5,776.82	
		21,900		29,835.43
Carried forward		713,893		684,642.05

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ORDINARY EXPENDITURE—*continued.*		Estimated.		Expended.	
		Tls.	Tls.	Tls.	Tls.
Brought forward			713,893		684,642.05
HEALTH DEPARTMENT.					
HEALTH OFFICE.					
Pay and Allowances.					
Foreigners		58,513		56,658.68	
Rent Allowance		1,440		1,145.00	
Fuel and Light Allowance		1,000		1,025.17	
Language Allowance for proficiency in Chinese ...		3,744		2,860.65	
Chinese		44,000		39,766.74	
Superannuation		5,851		5,251.90	
Passages...		1,500		954.04	
Locomotion		2,500		3,381.62	
Fuel		1,700		1,557.13	
Light		2,000		1,686.24	
Printing, Stationery and Books...		950		1,509.11	
Notification of Infectious Disease		250		382.00	
Laboratory Apparatus, Animals and Chemicals ...		3,000		4,074.90	
Disinfection		2,500		1,585.96	
Cleansing Apparatus		2,500		2,452.29	
House Refuse Removal		10,000		6,583.09	
Water		3,000		2,659.35	
Telephone Service		300		448.38	
Insurance		720		759.55	
Maintenance and Repairs		500		971.50	
Miscellaneous expenses		2,500		1,800.20	
		148,468		137,513.50	
Less—Receipts from Laboratory products and Certificates	9,000		(11,826.60)		
Contribution from French Municipal Council to Laboratory ...	1,000		(1,000.00)		
Slaughter House Fees...	17,000		(15,196.94)		
Sale of Ordure	54,000		(52,692.00)		
		81,000		80,715.54	
		67,468		56,797.96	
EXTRA-DEPARTMENTAL.					
Medical Attendance on Staff		6,000		7,505.70	
Port Health Work—Contribution to maintenance of Customs Quarantine Station		6,000		6,000.00	
Grant to General Hospital		4,000		4,000.00	
,, ,, Shantung Road Hospital		2,000		2,000.00	
,, ,, St. Luke's Hospital		2,000		2,000.00	
		20,000		21,505.70	
Carried forward			713,893		684,642.05

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ORDINARY EXPENDITURE—*continued.*	Estimated.		Expended.	
	Tls.	Tls.	Tls.	Tls.
Brought forward		713,893		684,642.05
HEALTH DEPARTMENT—*continued.*				
HOSPITALS.				
Pay and Allowances.				
Foreigners	21,424		19,674.70	
Language Allowance			144.00	
Special Duty Allowance	2,520		1,318.12	
Chinese	3,800		5,093.06	
Superannuation	2,050		3,732.38	
Passages	4,000		5,852.37	
Uniform	1,200		1,684.28	
Fuel	3,000		4,231.02	
Light	3,250		4,184.03	
Drugs and Instruments	3,500		3,162.38	
Messing	12,000		17,722.92	
Washing			1,504.61	
Water	300		408.60	
Telephone Service	250		372.92	
Insurance	800		721.12	
Maintenance and Repairs	1,000		1,804.83	
Printing and Stationery			614.08	
Expenses of engaging Staff in England			657.62	
Miscellaneous expenses	3,000		2,803.33	
	62,094		75,686.37	
Less—Receipts from Victoria Nursing Home 19,000		(28,667.82)		
Receipts from Isolation Hospitals 8,000		(5,925.42)		
Receipts from Sanatorium		(620.74)		
Contribution from French Municipal Council 600		(600.00)		
	27,600		35,813.98	
	34,494		39,872.39	
CEMETERIES, CREMATORIUM AND PUBLIC MORTUARY.				
Pay of Sexton	2,850		3,135.00	
Pay of Chinese Staff	3,000		2,964.84	
Language Allowance	392		288.00	
Superannuation	285		264.00	
Passages			579.60	
Grave Contractor, etc.	2,500		2,500.42	
Fuel	1,000		242 80	
Plants, etc.	1,000		687.75	
Insurance	80		50.01	
Miscellaneous expenses	1,000		253.79	
	12,107		10,966.21	
Less—Fees for Cremation 1,500		(860.00)		
,, Grave making 3,000		(2,917.70)		
,, Grave spaces 2,500		(2,452.50)		
,, Reservation 500		(465.00)		
	7,500		6,695.20	
	4,607		4,271.01	
SWIMMING BATH.				
Allowance of Assistant Inspector	180		180.00	
Pay of Chinese Staff	600		217.75	
Light	200		101.12	
Water	1,250		625.40	
Miscellaneous expenses	500		101.83	
	2,730		1,226.10	
Less—Receipts from bathers	1,000		650.93	
	1,730		575.17	
STOCK AND STORES.				
Furniture, including that of Indian Police Hospital	5,000		9,278.75	
Motor Car	2,500			
House-boat for Mokanshan Sanatorium	1,250		350.00	
Miscellaneous			1,734.34	
	8,750		11,363.09	
		137,049		134,385.32
Carried forward		850,942		819,027.37

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ORDINARY EXPENDITURE.—*continued.*	Estimated.		Expended	
	Tls.	Tls.	Tls.	Tls.
Brought forward		850,942		819,027.37
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.				
GENERAL.				
Pay and Allowances.				
Foreigners.	88,005		90,302.78	
Boiler Inspector (moiety)	480		370.32	
Rent Allowance	1,380		1,015.00	
Fuel and Light Allowance	720		670.00	
Language allowance for proficiency in Chinese ...	576		2[illegible]4.04	
Chinese	8,830		9,151.28	
Superannuation	8,200		8,549.54	
Passages	4,675		6,056.57	
Locomotion	6,300		7,153.90	
Fuel and Light	480		736.68	
Telephone service	500		529.01	
Printing and Stationery	3,000		3,714.59	
Insurance	130		138.13	
Miscellaneous expenses	3,000		2,175.72	
	126,276		130,797.56	
Less.—Building Permit fees 4,500		(2,439.60)		
Private Works Supervision fees ... 3,000		(5,542.78)		
Miscellaneous Permit fees 5,500		(5,742.68)		
	13,000		13,725.06	
	113,276		117,072.50	
BUILDINGS.				
Upkeep and General Repairs to :—				
Town Hall	800		2,833.97	
Police Stations	8,000		11,543.05	
Health Department buildings	10,950		10,761.07	
Other Municipal buildings	10,000		10,174.42	
	29,750		35,312.51	
CREEKS AND RIVER.				
Repairs and Renewals to :—				
Bridges	13,400		10,998.49	
Bundings	14,500		14,064.03	
Jetties and Pontoons	7,000		5,292.31	
Working expenses of steam dredger	3,500		3,507.23	
Cleaning, etc., main lines of creeks	6,000		7,371.77	
	44,400		41,233.83	
Carried forward		850,942		819,027.37

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ORDINARY EXPENDITURE—*continued.*	Estimated.		Expended	
	Tls.	Tls.	Tls.	Tls.
Brought forward		850.942		819,027.37
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT—*continued.*				
DRAINAGE.				
Constructing new sewers in the following roads :—				
Chihli Road, from Nanking Road to Ningpo Road ...	770		640.77	
Koo Ka Loong, from Peking Road to Ningpo Road...	400		204.81	
Woo Foo Loong, from Bun Tong Loong to Tientsin Road.	250		45.71	
North Chekiang Road, from Haining Road to Boundary Road	6,000		5,952.96	
North Honan Road, from North Soochow Road to Range Road	24,000		15,096.04	
North Szechuen Road, south of the Yukingpu ..	4,400	(3,089.66)		
Less—Contribution from Shanghai Land Investment Co., Ld.	500	(500.00)		
	3,900		2,589.66	
Gordon Road, north of Markham Road, culvert to replace bridge	571		410.64	
Markham Road, east of Gordon Road, 2 culverts to replace bridges	1,142		1,023.38	
Sinza Road from Carter Road to Medhurst Road ...	3,400		2,851.98	
Jessfield Road, reconstructing culvert near Settlement boundary	660		293.83	
Jessfield Road, reconstructing culvert near Edna Villas	480		513.81	
Jessfield Road, 2 reinforced concrete culverts to replace bridges	2,450		1,551.94	
Robison Road, 2 culverts to replace bridges ...	1,142		998.64	
„ culvert near Jessfield Road	1,225		1,714.31	
„ to 250 feet east of Jessfield Road ...	588		538.73	
Siccawei Road, between Great Western Road and northern boundary of Cadastral Lot 2590 ...	3,000		1,968.61	
Siccawei Road, reconstructing culvert	470		372.35	
Iron gully and manhole covers	2,500		547.99	
Repairing and cleaning drains	7,000		5,432.15	
Renewing street gullies	2,500		2,213.93	
	62,448		44,962.24	
Less—Profit on Concreteware Manufactory ...	5,000		9,391.61	
	57,448		35,570.63	
ROADS.				
Pay and Allowances.				
Foreigners	22,710		20,003.05	
Rent Allowance	720		840.00	
Language Allowance for proficiency in Chinese	192		312.80	
Chinese Teachers and Writer			177.37	
Metalling Labour	45,000		23,765.02	
Cleansing Labour	24,000		22,407.85	
Mafoos	8,500		6,955.28	
Steam Roller Staff...	1,750		1,721.67	
Superannuation	1,794		1,374.94	
Passages			88.08	
Uniform	900		995.87	
Locomotion	1,450		1,376.40	
Granite chips, sand and broken bricks	67,500		41,646.35	
Kerb and channel	5,000		3,638.34	
Chip-pavements and chip-paved margins	6,250		6,492.98	
Street pavements	10,000		8,367.79	
Wood paving	400		4,047.80	
Granite sett edging	300		374.40	
Tools, renewals and repairs	7,500		5,657.50	
Carried forward	203,966	850,942	150,243.49	819,027.37

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ORDINARY EXPENDITURE—*continued.*	Estimated.		Expended.	
	Tls.	Tls.	Tls.	Tls.
Brought forward	203.966	850.942	150.243.49	819.027.37
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT—*continued.*				
ROADS—*continued.*				
Boundary stones	200		110.37	
Street name-plates	1.100		584.36	
Working expenses of steam-rollers	3.500		3.076.85	
Chinese Government Land Tax	300		280.03	
Maintenance of carts and harness	5.500		6,677.54	
Insurance	1.070		1,122.38	
Water	9.000		9,282.75	
Stud—Metalling	8.500		5,163.00	
Cleansing	25.000		26.002.2.	
Barging away road detritus	2,750		2,865.81	
Raking and repairing mud roads	2,500		1,835.31	
Repairs to Foochow pole railings	1.700		1,233.87	
Miscellaneous expenses	1,500		2,552.66	
			211,030.62	
Less—Profit on Pingchiao Quarry			11,955.44	
	266,586		199,075.18	
LIGHTING.				
Electricity.				
235 arc lamps ... 41,413				
84 incandescent lamps ... 5,150				
Extensions ... 5,000				
	51,563		51,326.84	
Gas.				
771 Lamps ... 23,706				
Extensions ... 5.000				
	28,706		24,576.59	
Oil.				
For outlying districts	1,050		1,050.15	
	81,319		76,953.58	
PARKS AND OPEN SPACES.				
Pay and Allowances.				
Superintendent	3,000		3,000.00	
Assistant Superintendent	1,800		1,800.00	
Park-keeper	780		730.65	
1 Indian Police watchman	270		279.00	
1 Chinese Writer	150			
1 Chinese Policeman	135			
9 Foremen	1,020			
31 Gardeners	2,644			
4 Boys	145		4,445.49	
2 Mafoos	145			
1 Motor lawn mower driver	126			
1 Cook	70			
1 Amah (6 months)	41			
Labour	9,000		9,565.58	
Superannuation	480		500.56	
Chinese Government Land Tax	400		782.39	
Fuel	500		504.00	
Lighting Gardens	900		987.95	
Motor lawn mower, gasoline, repairs, etc.	435		429.31	
Water	900		1.179.30	
Locomotion	1,150		1.008.00	
Tools, repairs and renewals	800		547.93	
Repainting hot-houses, seats, etc.	2,150		2.369.06	
Trees, shrubs, seeds and turf	2.350		1,980.19	
Carried forward	29,391	950,942	30,109.41	819,027.37

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ORDINARY EXPENDITURE—*continued*	Estimated.		Expended.	
	Tls.	Tls.	Tls.	Tls.
Brought forward	29,391	850,942	30,109.41	819,027.37
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.—*continued.*				
PARKS AND OPEN SPACES.—*continued.*				
Mud, sand and gravel	550		1,142.78	
Poles and tree fastenings	2,700		1,580.66	
Insurance	200		180.00	
Miscellaneous expenses	2,300		3,731.31	
	35.141		36,744.16	
Less				
Receipts from sale and hire of plants	600		453.42	
	34,541		36,290.74	
STOCK AND STORES.				
Motor-cars and accessories	5,000		2,768.37	
Shaft and wheels for carts	700		838.85	
Sweeping machine brushes	900		1,032.19	
Steam roller wheels	2,700		2,475.70	
Surveying instruments	500			
Carriage	650		650.00	
Furniture			1,225.08	
Telephones			331.88	
Public lamps			822.03	
Plans			2,424.19	
Road Materials, Boundary Stones, etc., in stock on Dec. 31			15,757.04	
	10,450		28,325.33	
		637,770		569,834.30
SECRETARIAT.				
Pay and Allowances.				
Foreigners	81,390		84,085.93	
Rent Allowance	900		1,215.00	
Fuel and Light Allowance	1,080		1,080.00	
Language Allowance for proficiency in Chinese	864		888.00	
Chinese	22,866		25,016.14	
Superannuation	7,866		7,935.88	
Reporter's retainer	600		600.00	
Passages	1,200		2,667.99	
Medical aid	450		144.42	
Uniform	1,070		1,445.87	
Locomotion	4,358		4,465.39	
Fuel and Light	920		1,536.49	
Insurance	110		114.75	
Printing, Stationery and Advertising	15,000		14,741.65	
Miscellaneous expenses	2,500		2,058.82	
Stock and Stores	2,000		3,034.12	
	143,174		151,030.45	
Less—Charged to industrial undertakings	3,000		3,600.00	
		140,174		147,430.45
Carried forward		1,628,886		1,536,292.12

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ORDINARY EXPENDITURE.—*continued.*	Estimated.		Expended.	
	Tls.	Tls.	Tls.	Tls.
Brought forward		1,628,886		1,536,292.12
VOLUNTEERS.				
Pay and Allowances.				
Foreigners	9,240		10,170.16	
Fuel and Light Allowance	360		374.51	
Town Hall, Riding School and Orderly Room Staff	1,672		1,468.83	
Range Staff	1,770		1,376.72	
Uniform	5,000		9,033 37	
Accoutrements	3,000		779.35	
Fuel and Light	640		1,316.09	
Printing and Stationery	1,500		1,436.11	
Locomotion	1,500		943.13	
Upkeep of Artillery Ponies			2,261.48	
Telephone Service	302		356.45	
Band	325		93.75	
Maintenance of Range	1,200	(2,380.87)		
Less—Proceeds from sale of cartridge cases, lead, etc.	850	(1,291.28)		
	350		1,089.59	
Passage of Sergeant Instructor			1,417.94	
Camp of Exercise	1,500		1,821.38	
Subscription to N.R.A.	75		87.53	
Ammunition	5,000		4,637.28	
Repairs to rifles and equipment	1,500		1,844.57	
Insurance	500		606.44	
Miscellaneous expenses	2,500		2,674.05	
	36,734		43,788.73	
STOCK AND STORES				
250 Rifles	8,440		8,735.21	
6 L.S.A. Miniature Rifles	114		127.57	
Swords			132 98	
Breeching-up tools	108		127.59	
Artillery Ponies	1,500		2,340.00	
Ammunition in stock on Dec. 31			10,843.14	
Furniture			924.97	
Miscellaneous			178.19	
		46,896		67,198.38
PUBLIC BAND.				
Pay and Allowances.				
Europeans	17,700		16,480.06	
Manilamen	18,000		18,690.22	
Librarian and coolies	300		331.09	
Rent Allowance	2,640		2,914.53	
Superannuation	3,725		3,393.28	
Passages	1,000		718.45	
Locomotion	1,080		1,122.59	
Fuel and Light	500		389.97	
Repairs to instruments, etc.	300		154.84	
New music	600		945.02	
Medical aid	200		137.59	
Uniform	1,200		687.02	
Printing, Stationery, Advertising, etc.	1,000		747.17	
Miscellaneous expenses	555		405.28	
	48,800		47,117.11	
Less—Contribution from French Municipal Council	1,500	(1,500.00)		
Council's share of receipts for private service	5,000	(3,864.41)		
	6,500		5,364.41	
			41,752.70	
STOCK AND STORES				
Discount on instruments purchased in 1907		(449.16)		
Less Purchases		(16.16)		
			Cr. 433.00	
		42,300		41,319.70
Carried forward		1,718,082		1,644,810.20

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ORDINARY EXPENDITURE—*continued.*	Estimated.		Expended	
	Tls.	Tls	Tls.	Tls.
Brought forward		1,718,082		1,644,810.20

FIRE BRIGADE.

Pay				
Secretary (3 months)	150		150.00	
Departmental Engineer	3,280		3,436.50	
Watchmen at Bell Towers	3,750		3,459.44	
Native Staff at Workshop	3,000		2,927.40	
Engineers, Firemen, Chauffeurs, etc.	4,500		3,809.10	
Coolie Corps	650		988.37	
Superannuation	330		391.50	
Company Cups	230		229.88	
Stud.				
Pay of Mafoos and Fodder	5,500		4,699.60	
Shoeing, Clipping, etc.	300		556.42	
Veterinary Surgeons' Fees	400		418.80	
Repairs to Harness	300		413.22	
Hose Renewals	6,500		5,914.87	
Fuel and Light	4,000		5,516.46	
Uniform	3,000		2,672.96	
Materials for workshop	2,400		1,939.94	
Repairs to Plant	2,000		5,745.34	
Telephones and Fire Alarms	2,600		1,671.86	
Locomotion	800		447.03	
Water	1,500		1,472.56	
Refreshments for Firemen at Fires	600		437.76	
Printing and Stationery	200		107.13	
Insurance	200		165.86	
Medical aid	200		288.68	
Miscellaneous expenses	250		867.13	
	46,640		48,727.81	
STOCK AND STORES.				
Horses and Ponies	2,500		1,112.95	
Hook and Ladder Truck	1,750			
Motor Car	2,500		2,682.75	
6 New Gongs	900			
Charges on Motor Fire Engine and Motor Fire Escape			3,822.96	
Miscellaneous			438.05	
	54,290		56,784.52	
Less.—Receipts from Blacksmith labour	6,000	(5,286.66)		
Receipts from services of Fire Float	1,000			
Contribution from French Municipal Council	2,500	(2,500.00)		
	9,500		7,786.66	
		44,790		48,997.86
Carried forward		1,762,872		1,693,808.06

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ORDINARY EXPENDITURE—*continued.*	Estimated.		Expended.	
	Tls.	Tls.	Tls.	Tls.
Brought forward		1,762,872		1,693,808.06
EDUCATIONAL GRANTS.				
PUBLIC SCHOOL.				
Pay and Allowances.				
Headmaster	4,200		4,200.00	
3 Assistant Masters	6,600		7,200.00	
1 Assistant Master (for 6 months)	900			
11 Assistant Mistresses	15,540		14,974.77	
Chinese Staff	600		710.24	
Rent Allowance	540		540.00	
Fuel and Light Allowance	360		360.00	
Superannuation	2,600		2,468.06	
Passages	1,300		894.25	
Printing and Stationery	900		1,548.76	
Fuel and Light	400		419.25	
Laboratory	100		212.96	
Text books	10		364 82	
Insurance	150		153.00	
Grant in aid of Library	200		189.45	
Expenses of Evening classes	200			
Miscellaneous expenses	900		915.18	
	35,500		35,150.74	
Less—School fees	24,000		21,308.55	
			13,842.19	
Stock and Stores.				
Furniture, etc.			837.95	
		11,500		14,680.14
PUBLIC SCHOOL FOR CHINESE.				
Pay and Allowances.				
Headmaster	3,000		3,000.00	
Assistant Masters	3,000		3,785.29	
Chinese Teachers	6,480		5,638.85	
Writer, Coolies and Watchman	820		808.27	
Fuel and Light Allowance	360		360.00	
Superannuation	600		660.26	
Printing and Stationery	500		1,087.44	
Fuel and Light	140		175.37	
Text books	100		321.82	
Insurance	125		121.50	
Passages			449.44	
Miscellaneous expenses	400		608.28	
	15,525		17,016.52	
Less—School fees	7,325		8,591.17	
			8,425.35	
Stock and Stores.				
Furniture, etc.			414.15	
		8,200		8,839.50
THOMAS HANBURY SCHOOL		1,500		1,500.00
FRENCH ORPHANAGE		1,000		1,000.00
ST. XAVIER'S SCHOOL		1,500		1,800.00
SHANGHAI JEWISH SCHOOL		500		500.00
DOOR OF HOPE		2,000		2,000.00
REFUGE FOR CHINESE SLAVE CHILDREN		1,000		1,000.00
SHANGHAI LIBRARY		1,000		1,000.00
SHANGHAI MUSEUM		500		500.00
Carried forward.		1,791,572		1,726,627.70

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ORDINARY EXPENDITURE—*continued*	Estimated.		Expended.	
	Tls.	Tls.	Tls.	Tls.
Brought forward ...		1,791,572		1,726,627.70
GENERAL CHARGES.				
Legal expenses	3,500		4,567.23	
Audit fee —£200	1,400		1,685.67	
Semaphore Service	2.000		3.290.87	
Pew-rents and relief of poor...	500		521.32	
Rice Money	10,000		18,641.04	
Land Assessment.				
Assessors' fees	10,000		10,000.00	
Compilation of plans and printing schedules ...	1,500		1,685 20	
Compensation to Mr. W. T. Evans, in accordance with Resolution XII passed at Annual Meeting of Ratepayers...			4,390.50	
Rent of Municipal properties.				
Public Recreation Ground	600		600.00	
Police Stations—				
Bubbling Well...	560		560.00	
Harbin Road	1.200		1,200.00	
Police Quarters—				
No. 8B Kiukiang Road	1,680		1,680.00	
No. 8 Seward Road	1,200		1.200.00	
No. 12 Ward Road	600		600.00	
No. 5 Yu Yuen Road	1,080		1,080.00	
No. 79/80 Bubbling Well Road	2,472		2.590.21	
Victoria Company Quarters			150.00	
Hongkew Fire Station	300		300.00	
Depôts—				
Soochow Road	360		360.0	
Jessfield Road	5		15.00	
Yangtszepoo	250		253.50	
No. 53 Dent Lane	72		50.03	
No. 848 Park Road	90		110.50	
		39,369		55,531.07
INTEREST.				
On General Loans and Special Loan	83,552		96,627.68	
On Savings Bank, Security Deposits, etc	30,285		27,591.16	
	113,837		124,218.84	
Less—Trust Funds, Investment Account	22,458		38,226.05	
		91,379		85,992.79
REDEMPTION OF DEBENTURES.				
Repayment of proportionate amount of debentures outstanding		119,549		119,500.00
TOTAL OF ORDINARY EXPENDITURE		2,041,869		1,987,651.56
SURPLUS TRANSFERRED TO EXTRAORDINARY INCOME		388,051		415,512 60
		2,129,920		2,403,164.16

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EXTRAORDINARY INCOME.	Estimated.	Received.
	Tls.	
Surplus on Ordinary Income	388.051 00	415,512.60
Amount raised by debentures	400,000.00	400,000.00
Half cost of 2 passenger pontoons and jetties north of the Customs pontoons, received from Imperial Maritime Customs	25,000 00	25,000.00
Deficit to be carried forward to 1909	14,442.38	
	827,493.38	840,512.60

EXTRAORDINARY EXPENDITURE.	Estimated.	Expended.
	Tls.	Tls.
DEFICIT FROM 1907	201,513.38	201,513.38
Bridges.		
Garden Bridge, exclusive of steelwork, balance of cost	11,760.00	25,734.34
Chekiang Road Bridge, exclusive of steelwork, balance of cost	8,300.00	14,818.16
Bund Bridge over Yangkingpang, one-fourth of cost	19,500.00	
Bundings.		
Soochow Creek, in concrete :—		
From Chapoo Road Bridge to Chinese Garden, balance of cost	700.00	1,355.46
From Garden Bridge to Woosung Road, balance of cost	7,000.00	5,172.87
Reserve Garden, west of Garden Bridge	2,100.00	1,603.60
From Fokien Road to Cadastral lot 298	5,000.00	
North Soochow Road, on each side of Chekiang Road Bridge	14,500.00	20,368.75
Hongkew Creek, in hardwood :—		
From East Scott Road to S.W. corner of Cadastral lot 320	5,000.00	4,672.00
Drainage.		
Great Western Road, culvert from Defence Creek to Mohawk Road, half cost	16,750.00	5,854.80
Manila Road, Sewer from Mohawk Road to Great Western Road, half cost	11,250.00	
Landing Stages.		
Half cost of 2 passenger pontoons and jetties north of the Customs pontoons, balance of cost	11,850.00	9,191.15
Garbage shoot, Soochow Creek, at Wenchow Road	1,000.00	23.98
Jetty on the Yangtszepoo Creek, at Lay Road	900.00	
Carried forward	317,123.38	290,308.49

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EXTRAORDINARY EXPENDITURE—*continued.*	Estimated.	Expended.
	Tls.	Tls.
Brought forward ...	317,123.38	290,308.49
Land.		
Eastern Police Depôt, balance of cost ...	17,640.00	11,945.43
Western Police Depôt extension ...	3,400.00	5,005.08
Wayside Police Station extension ...	510.00	220.51
Gaol extension ...		8.52
Sinza Market ...	25,000.00	25,399.29
Bubbling Well Cemetery extension Victoria Nursing Home extension Isolation Hospital extension ...	10,000.00	1,169.92 30.14
Markham Road Depôt, raising ...		341.02
Wayside Park ...		41,129.83
Hungjao Road Nursery, laying out ...		231.28
Latrine sites (Boundary Road, B.C. lot 5818.) ...	2,000.00	585.11
Surplus Land Bubbling Well Road, B. C. lot 5422 ...		455.40
,, Dalny ,, ,, 6641 ...		894.60
,, ,, ,, ,, 2772 ...		330.54
,, Dalny and Yulin ,, U.S. 1312 ...		10,000.00
,, Manila ,, B.C. 6682 ...		30.00
,, Nanyang ,, ,, 6099 ...		2.97
,, Rangoon ,, ,, 6474 ...		1,296.56
,, Tatung ,, ,, 5123 ...		217.75
,, Thorburn ,, ,, 3136 ...		139.44
,, Wayside ,, ,, 3136 ...		3,125.45
Buildings.		
Police.		
Central Station, remodelling store and other alterations ...	1,400.00	285.00
Louza Station, shed ...	320.00	317.80
Hongkew Station. Additional Building, Indian Kitchen and Beggars' Cells ...	27,600.00	25,493.17
West Hongkew Station, Additional Buildings and Wall, balance of cost ...	10,100.00	9,364.16
Wayside Station, Additional Building and Alterations ...	24,500.00	8,881 95
(Amended Estimate Tls. 30,692.)		
Yangtszepoo Station, drying-room ...	1,300.00	1,164.51
Sinza Station, Cells, Store and other Alterations ...	7,800.00	8,932.93
Gaol, Quarters, Godown and Alterations to Wall, balance of cost ...	2,100.00	1,395.68
,, Raising Extension, Wall and Towers, balance of cost ...	17,000.00	14,226.61
,, Bath-house, Kitchen Extension and Boilers ...	7,000.00	
,, Additional Workshop, Tls. 20,000 ,, Additional Indian Warders' Quarters, ,, 21,000 } portion of cost ...	20,000.00	
,, Guard Room ...		1,671.32
Western Depôt, Indian and Chinese Quarters, balance of cost ...	13,500.00	14,113.17
,, ,, Foreign Quarters, Store, etc. ...		
(Estimate Block C. Tls. 40,660) ...	53,000.00	6,617.17
(,, ,, *D. Tls. 12,110)* ...		3,298.87
,, ,, Dog Kennels ...		610.53
Public Health.		
Bubbling Well Cemetery, buildings and wall ...	20,200.00	19,097.83
Swimming Bath, alterations and additions ...	2,700.00	3,584.70
Soldiers' Cemetery, Wall, and Lodge and laying out, balance of cost ...	1,100.00	579.39
Victoria Nursing Home, raising extension ...	500.00	1,022.67
Hospital for Chinese Police ...		10,255.90
New Latrines ...	2,000.00	789.84
Sinza Market extension ...		2,309.74
Fire Brigade.		
Sinza Fire Station, half cost ...	12,500.00	
Miscellaneous.		
Council Room alterations ...	2,200.00	2,038.14
Steam roller shed and Overseer's office, Northern District ...	1,600.00	1,593.78
Parks and Open Spaces.		
Hongkew Recreation Ground, Repayment of balance of Special Loan from Recreation Fund Trustees ...	30,000.00	20,000.00
Hongkew Recreation Ground, raising and laying out a portion ...	9,000.00	19,405.72
Reserve Garden, re-building boundary wall ...	3,000.00	3,000.00
Brenan Piece, laying out ...	1,400.00	1,587.66
Roads.		
Acquiring land for new roads and for widening and extending existing roads ...	120,000.00	176,626.78
Making up and metalling ditto ...	60,000.00	81,417.79
Surplus carried forward to 1909 ...		10,062.46
	827,493.38	840,512.60

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Accountant.

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NOTICE.

THE undersigned hereby give notice that a Public Meeting of Ratepayers will be held in the Town Hall, on Wednesday, March 17, 1909, at 3 o'clock p.m. precisely, to devise ways and means of raising the requisite funds for Municipal purposes, and to pass resolutions in reference thereto and to deliberate and decide upon other Municipal matters and business. At such meeting the accounts of the Council for the year ending December 31, 1908, will be submitted for the sanction and approval of the Ratepayers.

Shanghai, February 27, 1909.

D. SIFFERT,
Consul-General for Belgium.

C. KLEIMENOW,
Consul-General for Russia.

PELHAM L. WARREN,
H.B.M. Consul-General.

J. F. DAS CHAGAS,
Acting Vice-Consul-in-Charge Consulate-General for Portugal.

L. RATARD,
Consul-General for France.

K. MUSHAKOJI,
Acting Consul-General for Japan.

THORVALD HANSEN,
Consul-General for Norway.

PAUL VON BURI,
Consul-General for Germany.

RICHARD BAGGE,
Consul-General for Sweden.

G. A. FAVILLA,
for the Acting Consul-General for Italy.

L. VON ZEPPELIN OBERMULLER,
Consul-General for the Netherlands.

B. E. VIETA,
Vice-Consul-in-Charge, Consulate-General for Cuba.

DR. K. BERNAUER,
Acting Consul-General for Austria-Hungary.

T. RAASCHOU,
Consul-General for Denmark.

CHAS. DENBY,
Consul-General for the United States.

A. MARTI,
Acting Consul for Mexico.

J. M. DE LOS RIOS,
Consul for Spain.

MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION.
No. 1952.

THE following motions will be brought forward by the Council at the Annual Meeting of Ratepayers to be held at the Town Hall on March 17, 1909, and are published for general information :—

Resolution I.—Occupancy of the Chair.

Resolution II.—Appointment of a Secretary to the Meeting.

Resolution III.—That the rules of procedure in force during the past year, with the amendment of No. 8 as published in the Municipal Gazette on May 28, 1908, be adopted for use at this meeting and remain in force until the next annual meeting.

Resolution IV.—That the Report, and Accounts for the year ending December 31, 1908, as published in the Municipal Gazette on February 27, 1909, be passed.

Resolution V.—That in cases where compensation shall be paid for land for road purposes under Article VIA of the Land Regulations at a price higher than the assessed value plus the usual consideration of 10 per cent for compulsory sale, the Council be hereby authorized to assess and collect Land Tax on the Cadastral lots from which such land is taken at the price paid by the Council for such surrendered land.

Resolution VI.—That the estimated expenditure for 1909, contained in the Budget proposed by the retiring Council and published in the Municipal Gazette on March 4, 1909, together with the recommendations attached thereto, be approved and adopted, and that the Council be hereby authorized to impose, collect and recover the rates, taxes, dues and fees recommended therein, and to raise, should it be considered expedient to do so, a sum not exceeding Tls. 400,000 (four hundred thousand taels), by the issue of debentures redeemable in not less than five and not more than twenty years from date of issue and bearing interest at a rate not exceeding six per centum per annum, for the purposes defined in the estimate of Extraordinary Expenditure.

Resolution VII. By Ratepayers.—That considering the congested condition of traffic on the Nanking Road, and the present insanitary state of the Yangkingpang, the Council of the Foreign Settlement is hereby empowered to enter into negotiations with the French Municipal Council to culvert the Yangkingpang, provided that the last named Council is still prepared to defray half the cost of the undertaking. And it is further resolved that to enable this work to be carried out, with as little delay as possible, this Council is hereby authorized to issue an additional loan to cover the necessary cost.

Resolution VIII.—That this meeting would approve of the inclusion within the limits of the Settlement, of the tract of land lying between the Railway and the Soochow Creek, from the Cantonese Cemetery to the Hongkew Recreation Ground: and that the Council be authorized to maintain unrelaxed endeavours to this end.

Resolution IX.—That the Council be hereby authorized to resume the sale of electric lamps, as distinguished from "fans and other fittings" to which the Resolution passed at the Special Meeting of Ratepayers on January 26, 1904, made reference.

Resolution X.—That this meeting records its regret that gambling houses are permitted to be open on Municipal roads, being or leading out of the Settlement, and that the Council be hereby authorized to take such steps as are possible either to close them or to apply to them the conditions of licence, now enforced for places of public entertainment within Settlement limits.

Resolution XI.—By Ratepayers.—That the Council be hereby authorized to give effect to the proposals of the Board of Officers of the Volunteer Corps for the provision of a new Drill Hall, as published in the Municipal Gazette on February 27, 1908, and to raise for the purpose a sum not exceeding Tls. 100,000 (one hundred thousand taels) in the manner provided in Resolution VI foregoing.

Resolution XII.—Election of Land Commissioner for the ensuing year.

Resolution XIII.—Election of four Governors of the General Hospital for the ensuing year.

Ratepayers intending to ask questions in regard to the Accounts or other matters connected with the foregoing Resolutions, are requested to give notice of such intention before the meeting, so that a full answer or other explanation may be given.

Ratepayers desirous of bringing forward additional motions or of nominating duly qualified persons willing to serve under Resolutions XII and XIII are required to give notice thereof to the undersigned before 4 p.m. on March 13 for due publication.

By order,

W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

Council Room,
Shanghai, March 4, 1909.

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AT the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, February 24, 1909, at 4.30 p.m., there are present:

Messrs. D. Landale (*Chairman*)
W. D. Little
H. A. J. Macray
R. S. F. McBain
J. H. McMichael
O. Meuser
W. A. C. Platt
The Secretary and
Assistant Secretary.

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

The minutes of the last meeting are read, confirmed, signed by the Chairman and passed for publication.

Volunteers.

Badges of Rank.—Upon the informal suggestion of the Commandant, it is decided to amend the Dress Regulation on this subject by the substitution of the word 'Commandant' for the word 'Lieut.-Colonel.' By this means the Commandant will wear a mark distinguishing him from the other Majors in the Corps.

Levee Dress.—The Commandant recommends abolition of Ceremonial full dress for officers, and forwards in support of his proposal the comments thereon of the members of the Clothing Board, unanimously approving the course suggested, which accordingly receives the Council's sanction.

Ammunition.—The request of the Shanghai Rifle Association is submitted, that their ammunition be stored in, and issued from, the S.V.C. Magazine to the extent of 20,000 rounds. The Commandant's proposal to sanction this request upon the understanding that the ammunition is at the disposal of the Council in case of emergency, is adopted.

Police.

Foreign Branch.—The resignation of Sergeant Webb is accepted with effect from March 12.

Detective Work.—The following letter from the Mixed Court Magistrate is ordered for publication with reply as directed:—

Translation of letter from the Mixed Court Magistrate to the Captain-Superintendent of Police, dated February 13, 1909.

The Magistrate begs to state that he has received instructions by dispatch from the Taotai as follows:—

"From a letter written by Hsü, "Commandant of the Forces at the "Woosung and Shanghai Camps, it is "learnt that one corporal, Chen Te-fu, "has petitioned stating that when on "the 2nd day of the New Year he went "by train to Shanghai and was enter- "ing the West Gate about 11 o'clock, "he suddenly met several vagabonds "who demanded money from him and "robbed him of the ash-coloured sheep- "skin gown he was wearing, together "with a jacket of Changchow velvet "and a new melon-shape fur cap.

"He also received a knife wound in "the left arm. The vagabonds and "their friends were on this occasion "very numerous, and among them were "four whom he knows well by sight, "namely, 'Pock-Mark' Ah-hsiao, Tsai "Fu-sheng, 'Iron' Ah ping, "Ao-le" "Ah-huo. It is requested, therefore, "that detectives be strictly directed to "seize these men, and that a letter be "addressed to the head office of the "Constabulary to give directions for "co-operation in their arrest.

"I observe that of late such cases of "highway robbery are constantly heard "of and the action of these vagabonds "in boldly using knives and gathering "together to commit thefts and acts of "violence, shows complete disregard for "law. In response to orders given to "the detectives, making them answer- "able for the arrest of these men "without fail, a report has already been "received, and latterly a further report "states that the loafers in question "have wind of what is being done and "have already fled to hiding in the "French and Foreign Settlements. "They then again received strict in- "structions to detect the place to which "they have fled for hiding, and then "promptly and with dispatch arrest "them and bring them to trial; if they "have escaped to the Settlement they "must accurately find out and in- "vestigate, and report to the Police "to proceed and arrest them; but "cannot, by merely petitioning on "the subject, cast off responsibility; "the Mixed Court was also inform- "ed by telephone to bid the Police "to co-operate in the arrest. Be- "sides, therefore, writing the necessary "letters in this matter, the Taotai has "now to address this dispatch of "instructions to the Magistrate upon "receipt of which he will in compliance, "inform the Police, that so soon as the "detectives of this yamên have dis- "covered the hiding place of the "vagabonds in question and report "requesting co-operation in their arrest, "the Police must depute constables to "assist in their capture and presentment "for trial."

On receipt of these orders, a letter is now duly addressed to the Captain-Superintendent, begging him to take note and hoping that he will inform the Police that when the detectives of the Taotai's yamên have discovered the hiding place of these vagabonds, and report requesting co-operation in their arrest, they must depute Police to assist in seizing and bringing them up; thus greatly obliging. With compliments.

Council Room,
Shanghai, February 23, 1909.

SIR,—I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of February 13, addressed to the Captain-Superintendent of Police, on the subject of a robbery which took place near the West Gate of the Native City from the person of a corporal, by name Chen Te-fu.

In proceeding to enumerate the names of four notorious evil-doers for whose arrest a strenuous effort is apparently necessary, it is stated that the Taotai has instructed detectives of his yamên to carry out investigations in the Settlement in order to discover the whereabouts of the offenders; but I am directed to point out that such action would be at variance with the regular procedure whereby all detective work in the Settlement, in particular such necessary inquiries as must precede an arrest, is carried out by the Municipal Police alone.

If hitherto any native other than a member of the Force has attempted to perform this work, he has at once been arrested, taken to the Station cells, and, when brought before the Magistrate and Foreign Assessor on the following day, has been sentenced to a suitable term of imprisonment. So likewise in this case, if any runner from the Taotai's yamên takes action in the Settlement, there is little need to remind you that he will be arrested and treated with severity; and since both the Taotai and yourself are well aware of this, the sentences to which I refer are without purpose and should not have appeared in your letter.

I am directed, in conclusion, to point out that the Council is invariably ready to accept and avail itself of any information which the Native Authorities may possess, or suspicion which they may entertain, as to the presence of bad characters invited by the absence of corporal punishment at the Mixed Court to treat the Settlement as a place of refuge.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

PAO YI, Esq.,
Mixed Court Magistrate.

Translation of letter from the Mixed Court Magistrate to the Council dated February 24, 1909.

I have to inform you that I have received your letter, in acknowledgment of the Court's recent communication, as follows:—

[*Quoted at length.*]

On receipt thereof I have addressed a petition to the Taotai setting forth the circumstances and requesting his consideration and instructions; and have further duly to make this reply, begging you to take note. With compliments.

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Health Department.

Small-pox.—A report by the Health Officer is read, relating to the recent inoculation of fifty children by a native doctor in the Eastern District, and, at his suggestion, a Notification will be published to the effect that inoculation is not permitted under penalty of police prosecution.

MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION.

No. 1951.

(*Translation.*)

Inoculation for small-pox is strictly prohibited in the Foreign Settlement, and native doctors guilty of this grevious offence render themselves liable to arrest by the Police and prosecution in the Mixed Court. Vaccination, which is an effective protection against the ravages of small-pox, is performed without charge by the Municipal Health Department, and native residents are urged to present themselves at any of the vaccination stations to be vaccinated.

By order,

W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

Council Room,
Shanghai, March 1, 1909.

Mosquitoes.—Letter from the French Council is read, on the subject of the steps which are being taken in that Settlement to rid the country districts of mosquitoes, and suggesting like action on this side. The Health Officer, reporting on the subject, points out that the matter was one of the first to receive the attention of the Health Department, and has been attacked on fundamental lines by getting rid of stagnant water and recommending destruction of mosquito larvae by oil as an individual measure for house-holders. It is decided to take such cooperative action as is possible in the matter

Road Extensions and Widenings.

Peking Road.—A further strip of unregistered land on the south side of the road, west of Cadastral lot 454A, is authorized for purchase from Mr. Jiu Sao-tsung, as follows:—

Mow 0.071 at Tls. 17,000 per mow.....	Tls. 1,207
plus 10 per cent.....	120
	1,327
less one-third for betterment.....	442
	885
plus reinstatement of one house	25
	Tls. 910

Haining Road.—Negotiations with Messrs. E. D. Sassoon & Co. have terminated in the surrender of the scheduled strip of Cadastral lot 687, measuring Mow 0.415, required for the widening of this road, for the sum of Tls. 3,800.

Boundary Road.—The surrender of Mow 1.141 of land ex Cadastral lot 493 for the construction of this road at its junction with the North Chekiang Road for the sum of Tls. 200 is noted. Registered owner, Mr. S. A. Hardoon.

Bridges.

The culverting of the section of the Changpang immediately south of the Seymour Road is authorized, to form a connecting bridge between that road and a new road shortly to be opened by the French Council. The work will be carried out by the Public Works Department, and the cost, estimated at Tls. 700, will be divided between the two Councils.

The meeting adjourns at 6.10 p.m.

Notification of Infectious Disease.

The following have been reported during the week ending Sunday February 28, 1909.	Death among Chinese population of 550,000	Cases notified among Non-Chinese population of 15,000.
Small-pox.	0	0
Cholera.	0	0
Typhoid Fever	—	1
Diphtheria.	0	1
Scarlet Fever.	0	0
Tuberculosis	16	0
Hydrophobia	0	1
Plague	0	0
Total Deaths from all Cases	130	2

ARTHUR STANLEY,
Health Officer

Summary of Plague Prevention Work during the week ending February 27, 1909.

	District			
	Eastern	Northern	Central	Western
Rats found dead and brought to the Laboratory for examination..	195	89	112	55
Rats plague infected	7	3	1	1
Traps in operation	450	369	680	250
Rats trapped and burnt	265	420	252	197
Poisoned baits laid.	23159	1550	35500	1734
Houses temporarily rat-proofed and disinfected under notice to occupier.	142	132	85	85
Houses rat-proofed under notice to owners.....	0	0	0	0
Persons vaccinated against plague....	9	0	28	0

ARTHUR STANLEY,
Health Officer.

Public Band.

The attendance on Sunday, February 28, numbered 689, and the Hall was emptied in 6 minutes.

The programme for Sunday, March 7, will be as follows:—

1.—Overture—"Festival".....Lassen

2.—Transcriptions for orchestra—

(*a*) "The Lost Chord"...Sullivan
(*b*) "La Paloma".....Yradier

3.—Selection—"Faust".....Gounod

4.—Serenade—(No. 3) .....Volkmann
Violincello Solo—Mr. Stange

5.—Selection—'Die Meistersinger von Nürnberg".....Wagner

(*a*) Prelude to Act III
(*b*) Dance of the Apprentices
(*c*) Entrance of the Meitersingers.

Conductor-in-charge, Mr. R. BUCK.

Departmental Report of the Superintendent of Parks and Open Spaces to the Municipal Engineer for January.

The chief occupation during the month was the planting of trees, and removing old and dead trees. On the Bund, small gravel, as an experiment, is being placed over the soil in the space left round the bases of the trees.

On Yangtszepoo Road and Broadway East a number of old unsightly trees were removed to allow of this road being planted with young trees.

Hongkew Recreation Ground.—Preparations are being made for the culverting in of a small creek branching off the central lake. The playing areas have been fully employed during the month. Number of visitors during the month, 4,731. Football matches played, 14. Hockey matches played, 7. Number of people who played golf, 830.

Trees planted on roads	267
Trees fastened on roads	349
Flowering plants planted.....	
Public Garden.....	253
Chinese Public Garden	250
Hongkew Recreation Ground...	50
Bubbling Well Police Station .	329
	882

D. MACGREGOR,
Superintendent.

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ESTIMATES FOR 1909

WITH

REMARKS THEREON BY THE COUNCIL FOR 1908.

The Council submits to the Ratepayers the following Estimate of Municipal Income for 1909, together with the appropriations of Expenditure which are recommended for the year.

The *Ordinary Income* for the year is estimated at	Tls.	2,469,700
and the *Expenditure* at		2,245,334
leaving a *Surplus* of		224,366
Adding thereto the *Surplus* brought forward from 1908		10,062
plus the amount of the proposed *Loan* for 1909		400,000
an *Extraordinary Income* is formed of		634,428
Extraordinary Expenditure is recommended aggregating		633,625
and it is proposed to carry forward the *Surplus* resulting of	Tls.	803

ORDINARY INCOME.

Land Tax, Tls. 685,400.—The tax collected for 1908 has exceeded the estimate only by Tls. 1,600, and there is little reason to anticipate any appreciable advance on the figure for the current year. New registrations in the outlying districts become fewer as the Settlement fills up, and the revenue from their usually low provisional values is small. The completed assessment of 1907 will stand, and the same rate of 6/10ths of one per cent is recommended, with the agreed rebate of 20 per cent.

General Municipal Rate, Tls. 1,150,200.—The figures, estimated and actual, for 1908 under this heading also differ but little, and an advance of Tls. 40,000 is provided for. Of this, Tls. 10,000 is for houses beyond Settlement limits which continue to spring up on the north and west. The estimate is unquestionably on a cautious basis, in deference to the impression that over-building of both foreign and native houses will produce the obvious result of lower rentals. Thus it is considered advisable to allow so much as Tls. 175,000 as the assessment of unoccupied houses.

Whatever hopes may have been entertained of reverting to the 10% rate were dispelled when to the full year's cost of the enlarged Police Force was added the increased expenditure involved in plague prevention measures; and unpopular though the present rate of 12% proved when introduced, the Council is compelled to recommend its continuance.

Wharfage Dues, Tls. 160,000.—The return for the concluding quarter of 1908, Tls. 36,708, is the lowest recorded for more than 6 years. Herein is reflected the depressed trade conditions from which the Settlement has suffered, while the Finance Committee's opinion enunciated last year, that things would not be worse than in 1907 is not borne out. The year's out-turn is Tls. 17,000 less than the estimates, and, in view of this shrinkage an average of Tls. 40,000 per quarter is considered the most that can with safety be budgetted for 1909.

Licence Fees, Tls. 408,600.—Among proposed changes in the Licence Schedule the following may be noted:—For Native Clubs which have been licensed without fee during the past year, the Council recommends a charge of Tls. 25 per quarter. A suggestion to charge Tea-shops in tael cents instead of dollar cents as heretofore, is adopted. Referring to the number of Opium Houses which have been converted into shops for the retail sale of the crude and prepared drug, the Council is of opinion that a considerable increase in the Opium Shop licence is justified under the circumstances, and it is proposed to levy at rates varying from Tls. 3 to Tls. 20 per mensem according to the class of establishment. The same change is approved with respect to remaining Opium Houses, *i.e.*, they will pay in taels at double rates. Noting the loss incurred during the past year as a result of adverse rates of cash exchange, it is proposed to levy the Cart Licence as applied to trollies at the rate of Tls. 0.50 per mensem instead of 600 cash as heretofore. In addition to this, all Cart Licences will be raised from dollars to taels. Wheelbarrow Licences are also payable in cash, and the shortage on the estimates for 1908 is about Tls. 4,000: for this reason the Council has also approved the levy of the fee at Tls. 0.50.

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A noticeable feature of the year's receipts is the small income from Firearms Licences, which, estimated at Tls. 10,000, amounts only to Tls. 2,025. The licence was instituted as a Police measure rather than as a source of revenue, and the comparatively speaking heavy fee fixed has had some effect in causing several of the firms interested to discontinue the arms business.

In estimating receipts from Opium Houses at Tls. 35,000 it is assumed that over half of the houses now open will be closed on June 30.

Rent of Municipal Properties, Tls. 41,500.—This estimate calls for no comment, except perhaps an allusion to the satisfactory investment of public funds which the purchase and erection of markets constitutes.

Contributions from Public Companies, Tls. 24,000.—At the request of the Mutual Telephone Company, it was agreed that the Council's shares should rank for dividend from October 1, instead of from April 1, 1907, and no more has been received from this source than Tls. 1,500. Provision has been made for a full year's dividend. The income from the Tramway Royalty has been watched with interest, and the figures for the three completed quarters are Tls. 3,054, Tls. 3,480 and Tls. 3,582. The improved system of fares and fare sections which has been established is likely to result in enhanced receipts; thus the re-insertion of the estimate of Tls. 15,000 is amply justified.

The following Comparative Statement of Income tabulates last year's figures and those proposed for this year:—

	1908.				1909.
	Estimated	Actual	Increase	Decrease	Estimated
Land Tax	Tls. 683,520	Tls. 685,104.54	Tls. 1,584.54		Tls. 685,400
General Municipal Rate	1,109.000	1,110,380.22	1,380.22		1,150,200
Wharfage Dues	175,000	157,957,04		17,042.96	160,000
Licence Fees	396,300	391,357,34		4,942.66	408,600
Rent of Municipal Properties	38,100	40,180.22	2,080.22		41,500
Contributions from Public Companies	28,000	18,184.80		9,815.20	24,000
	2,429,920	2,403,164.16	5,044.98	31,800.82	2,469,700

SCHEDULE OF RATES, TAXES, DUES AND FEES.

The Council recommends that the following be levied :—

Land Tax at the rate of 6/10ths of one per cent., on the assessed values from renters of land within the limits of the Settlement, from January 1 last, payable half-yearly in advance.

General Municipal Rate at 12 per cent., on the assessed rentals of houses within the Settlement from the occupants, from January 1 last, payable quarterly in advance.

General Municipal Rate at 6 per cent., on the assessed rentals of houses beyond Settlement limits, under provision of the agreement of July 1, 1905, with the Shanghai Waterworks Co., Ld., from the occupants, from January 1 last, payable quarterly in advance,

Wharfage Dues on all goods passed through the Custom-house under the following tariff:—

			Hk. Tls.	*m.*	*c.*	*c.*
On Opium—	Raw,	per chest	0	2	8	0
	Boiled,	per catty	0	0	0	4
	Refuse,	per picul	0	1	0	0
On Silk—	Steam Filature,	,,	0	3	2	0
	Raw and White,	,,	0	1	6	0
	Yellow, Native,	,,	0	1	3	5
	Wild, Raw,	,,	0	1	0	0
	,, Filature,	,,	0	1	2	0
	Re-reeled, Native,	,,	0	2	5	0
	,, Filature,	,,	0	3	0	0
	Cocoons,	,,	0	0	6	0
On Tea—	Black and Green,	,,	0	0	1	5
	Brick,	,,	0	0	1	0
	Dust	,,	0	0	0	3
On Treasure—		per Tls. 1,000	0	3	0	0

On all other dutiable goods 2% on the amount of duty levied.
On all goods classed as "duty free" by the Customs $\frac{1}{10}$ of 1% on the declared value.

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Licence Fees.—From April 1 till next annual meeting, payable in advance, unless otherwise specified as follows:—

Foreign Hotel or Tavern	*	From Tls. 65 to Tls. 80 per quarter.
Foreign Liquor Seller, payable by all dealers in Foreign Wines, Spirits or Beer, wholesale or retail		Tls. 40 per quarter.
Restaurant		Tls. 30 per quarter.
Billiard or Bowling Saloon		Tls. 3 per quarter for each table or alley
Native Club		Tls. 25 per quarter.
Native Lodging House	*	From Tls. 2 to Tls. 12 per quarter.
Native Wine Shop	*	From Tls. 1.50 to Tls. 20 per quarter.
Tea Shop	*	From Tls. 0.10 to Tls. 0.20 per table per month.
Foreign Theatre, Music Hall, Circus, Dancing Saloon, Exhibition or Show	*	From Tls 0.10 to Tls. 5 for every day or night open.
Native Theatre	*	From Tls. 6 to Tls. 30 per month.
Pawnshop	*	From $\frac{1}{6}$ to 1 per cent per annum on business done, payable quarterly.
Opium Shop	*	From Tls. 3 to Tls. 20 per month.
Opium House		Tls. 1 per lamp per month.
Cargo Boat	*	From $0.25 to $4.50 per month.
Ferry or Passenger Boat		$2 per month, payable on demand.
Steam Launch		$2 per month, or $5 if carrying passengers.
Native Boat	*	From 100 to 600 cash per month, payable on demand.
Sampan		$1 per two months, payable on demand.
Private owned Horse, Pony, Mule or Donkey		$1.50 per quarter.
Private owned Carriage		$4.50 per quarter.
Livery Stable:—		
Horse, pony, mule or donkey		$1 per month.
Carriage		$4 per month.
Motor Car, etc.	*	From Tls. 3 to Tls. 12 per quarter.
Cart	† *	From Tls. 0.50 to Tls. 6 per month.
Private owned Ricsha		$3 per quarter.
Public Ricsha, payable by the proprietor	†	$1.50 per ricsha per month.
Private owned Sedan-chair		$3 per quarter.
Public Sedan-chair		$6 per quarter.
Wheelbarrow	†	Tls. 0.50 per month.
Firearms, payable by—		
Wholesale Importers		Tls. 150 per quarter.
Retail Sellers		Tls. 75 per quarter.
Dog		$1 for the year or portion thereof.
Slaughter-house Fees:—		
For every Ox killed		$0.85
,, ,, Sheep ,,		$0.10
,, ,, Calf ,,		$0.25
,, ,, Pig ,,		$0.20
Special Permit Fees:—		
For every Ox killed		$0.10
,, ,, Sheep ,,		$0.05
,, ,, Calf ,,		$0.05
,, ,, Pig ,,		$0.20
Export Fees:—		
For every Ox exported from the Cattle-shed		$0.75
,, ,, Sheep ,, ,, ,,		$0.05
,, ,, Calf ,, ,, ,,		$0.20
Water Supply:—		
For cleaning every Ox Hide		$0.02
,, ,, ,, ,, Entrails		$0.02
Market Fees:—		
For every Shop		From $7 to $8 per month according to position.
,, ,, Stall		$2.50 per month.
,, ,, Space		$0.50 per month.
Permit Fees:—		
For minor building operations		Tl. 1.00
,, bundings		Tls. 2.50
,, placing ladders for house repairs		Tls. 0.50
,, erecting sign-boards, lamps, or fences		Tls. 0.50
,, mud-filling, etc.		Tls. 0.50
,, ceremonial arches		Tls. 5.00
,, ,, if to cross streets 25 ft. wide		Tls. 50
,, calico sunshades over streets		Tls. 0.50 per fong, minimum fee Tls. 0.50
,, mat sunshades over streets		Tls. 2.00 per fong, minimum fee Tls. 2

* According to class. † Exclusive of licence-plate.

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ORDINARY EXPENDITURE.

Police, Tls. 810 680.—The Police estimate for 1908 was Tls. 713,893, and the actual expenditure has been Tls. 684,642. The proposed figure for this year allows therefore for an increase of Tls. 126,000, and, as was explained when that for 1908 was compiled, the increase is due to the fact that the expansion of the Force is proceeding gradually; each addition of so many men every two months means their cost in pay and maintenance for the whole of the year ensuing. The maximum authorised strength of all branches remains substantially unaltered, except in the case of the Gaol where the number of Indian Warders has been raised from 62 to 112. This step corresponds with the number of prisoners housed in the building which has increased from 700 to 900, and is also due to the development of convict labour; more work means more supervision and the cost of that supervision is recovered in the increased profit from the work. The heavy increase in Superannuation is due to the adoption of the recommendation of the Police Enquiry Committee of 1907, to make the calculation on an assessed valuation of quarters and other allowances. The benefits of this measure have been extended throughout the Municipal Service and are accordingly felt throughout the Estimates but financially the matter is of importance chiefly in the case of the Police Force. In comparison with the figures for the preceding year already published, account must be taken of the fact that the incorporation of the Gaol administration in the work of the Force has rendered keeping separate accounts unnecessary and each appropriation is amalgamated accordingly. The careful scrutiny which these figures received at the hands of the committee responsible for their compilation, left little scope for further desirable amendment. In commenting, however, upon the estimates, the Finance Committee noted the remarkable increase apparently necessary in all the minor headings of expenditure, and, without making any definite proposals for their reduction, recorded the view that with proper supervision and economy, many of these appropriations should not be fully expended.

Health Department, Tls. 194,818.—This estimate exceeds that of 1908 by Tls. 57,800, and of this not less than Tls. 30,000 is due to Plague precautions. Increased staff, foreign and native, and full estimates for apparatus, etc., are involved. As to this the Health Officer has stated, and his view has the support of the Watch Committee, that if the further development of Plague can be prevented for so small an outlay, the community will have every reason to congratulate itself, for even with the preventive measures which are being adopted, there is only the bare possibility of keeping Plague at bay under local conditions. He adds "The impression is, I believe, general that the management of the Health Department during the last 10 years has been conducted as economically as was consistent with efficiency; any harassing control of expenditure, therefore, at the present juncture, which is a sanitary catastrophe of the greatest magnitude, would be very inadvisable. It is inconceivable that objection would be raised to expenditure for the purposes of the prevention of Plague, a disease which, unless strenuous measures are undertaken and persevered with, may kill thousands annually, tend to depopulate the Settlement and diminish trade." To the number of Hospitals under Municipal control, is now added one for the Indian and Chinese members of the Police Force, and some increased expenditure is involved for its administration. A special additional grant of Tls. 5,000 to St. Luke's Hospital is included, in accordance with an arrangement published in October. This Hospital contemplates the erection of a new four-storied building adjoining the present building in the Seward Road. The estimate for the building is Tls. 30,000, and with the grant in question the building fund already accumulated will amount to two-thirds of this total.

Public Works Department, Tls. 639,264.—Of the estimate for last year, Tls. 68,000 remains unexpended, and the appropriation for the current year, substantially the same, calls for no comment. With respect to the principal item, that for the maintenance of roads, some reduction may be possible; on the other hand the terms of the new agreement with the Horse Bazaar for the supply of ponies are not yet decided, and some increase in the cost per animal is probable.

The cost of the *Secretariat*, including the Accounts and Tax Offices, is increasing annually in proportion to other departmental developments. The foreign establishment, including collectors, now amounts to 35, and the cost is little short of Tls. 160,000. With regard to the *Volunteers*, for whom an appropriation of Tls. 49,875 is necessary, the following return of the cost of the Corps per head during the past ten years in interesting:—

Year.	Strength.	Total Cost.	Cost per head.
1899	329	Tls. 18,353.45	Tls. 55.78
1900	855	29,746.33	34.79
1901	535	34,851.77	65.14
1902	467	25,890.52	55.44
1903	536	36,184.23	67.50
1904	611	30,810.18	50.42
1905	643	38,026.56	59.12
1906	974	40,027.36	41.09
1907	1,047	36,641.63	34.99
1908	986	43,788.73	44.46

The number of European musicians in the *Public Band* has been under the authorized strength during the year, but it is proposed to bring the total up to 10 next autumn. The estimate for 1909 is slightly less than its predecessor. With regard to the *Fire Brigade*, whose operations are now confined to the Foreign Settlement only, expenditure little short of Tls. 50,000 is again called for, including pay for a temporary assistant engineer during the absence on long leave of the Departmental Engineer. It is questionable whether the grafting of a professional brigade on to the Police Force by the enlistment of

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picked men therefrom for special fire duty, upon the lines in force in Hongkong, would or would not make for economy and an equally efficient fire service. Consideration of this will doubtless have to occupy the attention of the Watch Committee in the future, and the position must be faced in a manner uninfluenced by appreciation and gratitude to present and past members of the Volunteer Brigade, to whom the community owes so much. The change would not be a popular one from a sentimental standpoint. The cost of the *Public School*, estimated at Tls. 11,500, has proved to be Tls. 14,680, and the difference may be sought in a falling off in the total of fees received. This falling off was to some extent expected, in view of the higher fees and closer supervision of collection; but the work of the School in comparison with that of former years, challenges the severest criticism, and the estimate of Tls. 16,400 for 1909 for educating the children of Shanghai, is, in the Council's opinion, fully warranted. The *Public School for Chinese* is estimated to cost Tls. 11,000, the increase being due to the proposal to raise the number of the foreign staff to 5. Of the remaining *Educational Grants*, all are unchanged except that to the Shanghai Museum, which is to be increased from Tls. 500 to Tls. 1,000. A special grant for the repair of the Royal Asiatic Society's building, in which the Museum is housed, is also proposed. *General Charges, Tls. 20,509*, calls for little comment. The appropriation for *Interest* grows with the growth of municipal indebtedness, and now stands at Tls. 105,100. The appropriation for the *Redemption of Debentures* has been computed in the usual manner as follows :—

Date of Loan.	Balance outstanding.	Years to run.	Tls.
1892	45,400	4	11,350
1893	32,000	5	6,400
1895	32,600	7	4,657
1896	117,300	8	14,662
1897	268,400	9	29,822
1900	31,700	12	2,641
1901	200,000	13	15,384
1902	150,000	14	10,714
1903	101,500	15	6,766
1904	44,500	16	2,781
1905	90,900	17	5,347
1907	250,000	19	13,158
1908	400,000	20	20,000
	1,764,300		Tls. 143,682

The following Comparative Statement of Expenditure tabulates last year's figures and those proposed for this year.

	1908				1909
	Estimated.	Actual.	Increase.	Decrease.	Estimated.
Police	Tls. 713,893	Tls. 684,642.05		Tls. 29,250.95	Tls. 810,680
Health Department	137,049	134,385.32		2,663.68	194,818
Public Works Department	637,770	569,834.30		67,935.70	639,264
Secretariat	140,174	147,430.45	7,256.45		157,828
Volunteers	46,896	67,198 38	20,302.38		49,875
Public Band	42,300	41,319.70		980.30	41,640
Fire Brigade	44,790	48,997.86	4,207.86		43,020
Educational Grants	28,700	32,819.64	4,119.64		38,900
General Charges	39,369	55,531,07	16,162.07		20,509
Interest	91,379	85,992.79		5,386.21	105,100
Redemption of Debentures	119,549	119,500.00		49.00	143,700
Surplus	388,051	415,512.60	27,461.60		224,366
	Tls. 2,429,920	Tls. 2,403,164.16	Tls. 79,510,00	Tls. 106,265,84	Tls. 2,469,700

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EXTRAORDINARY EXPENDITURE.

The programme of public works compiled by the Engineer and presented for the Council's consideration early in January, amounted to Tls. 1,544,000, to which had to be added about Tls. 35,000 for additional requirements of the Police and Health Departments. Of these works those already in progress or definitely authorised by the Council in the course of last year amounted to more than Tls. 600,000, and the Budget of Extraordinary Expenditure now presented amounting to Tls. 633,625 is the result. That is to say that no works are to be initiated, the urgent necessity for which has not been already recognised. The statement, with the usual detail, explains itself, or has already been fully explained in minutes published by the Council. Care has been taken to include, so far as is possible, only such portions of the cost of buildings as will be likely to be incurred during the year, while by the mention of the full amounts the balances to be carried forward to 1910 are evident. Special reference is perhaps necessary to the item for the extension of the Central Offices, Tls. 90,000, which provides for the purchase of Cadastral Lot 167, at the corner of the Hankow and Honan Roads. If opportunity arises for acquiring this property, the Council is of opinion that it should not be lost; on the other hand the lot is fully developed, and it is intended not to disturb existing leases for some years, so that the rents received will counterbalance the interest on the outlay, and thus no annual expense will be incurred until the site is actually required for building purposes. Postponement of this transaction can only result in payment of a higher price in the future. The item for the extension of the Isolation Hospital and other sites, Tls. 15,000, will be drawn upon for the purchase of Cadastral Lot 1151 in the Woosung Road, urgently needed for hospital purposes. The appropriation for new roads, Tls. 180,000, is the same as last year, although the latter was exceeded by Tls. 78,000. The widening and extension of roads is a source of expenditure difficult to forecast, inasmuch as the limitations of the Council's resources render improvements possible only when rebuilding is undertaken by owners. Much has been said with regard to completing the wood-paving on the Bund and Nanking Road, also its extension north of the Garden Bridge, but the cost of the work upon any large scale is almost prohibitive. For the margins of the Maloo between the Kiangse and Chekiang Roads, as much as Tls. 70,000 is required, and this sum is proposed for expenditure during the year.

Turning to matters which must claim attention in the near future, mention may be made of the desirability of providing for the re-erection in steel of one of the bridges over the Soochow Creek annually. A rough estimate of the cost of so re-placing the Szechuen Road bridge, is Tls. 270,000. The erection of a third block of cells at the Gaol, Tls. 150,000, is foregone, although the necessity for increased accommodation for convicts shows no probability of lessening. The need for additional buildings at the Victoria Nursing Home, Tls. 65,000, is a matter which may arise at any time in connexion with the administration of the Shanghai General Hospital. The necessity for better plant-house accommodation in the Reserve Garden is admitted, Tls. 15,000. The Council's obligation to bund the Soochow Creek between the Settlement boundary and the Stone Bridge continues unobserved, and it appears desirable to proceed with at least one-third of the work so soon as is possible, Tls 21,560. The bunding of the Hongkew Creek, which has been in progress during the past three years, should be continued, and the section from East Yuhang to East Yalu Roads, Tls. 10,500, is omitted from the Budget with regret. Items of drainage in the Avenue and Sinza Roads are considered important. The necessity for Public Works Depôts in the Eastern District is, in the Works Committee's opinion, inadequately met by the provision of Tls. 15,000, less than one-half of the sum first recommended. Many of the wooden bridges over minor creeks require to be replaced in permanent material to meet the heavier traffic demands which they are now called upon to bear.

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MUNICIPAL BUDGET.

Estimate for the year January 1 to December 31, 1909.

ORDINARY INCOME.

	Tls.	Tls.	Tls.
LAND TAX.			
At 6/10ths of 1 per cent on assessed value of property as follows :—			
Central District ... ... Taels 77,175,000			
Northern ,, ... 23,261,000			
Eastern ,, ... 24,599,000			
Western ,, ... 22,648,000			
	147,683,000		
Less on value of property occupied by Churches, Cemeteries and Municipal properties	4,891,330		
	142,791,670	856,750	
Less 20%		171,350	
			685,400
GENERAL MUNICIPAL RATE.			
FOREIGN.			
At 12 per cent on Tls. 4,637,173, being assessed rental of rateable Foreign houses	556,461		
At 6 per cent on Tls. 209,930, being the same beyond Settlement limits, under provision of the agreement of July 1, 1905, with the Shanghai Waterworks Co., Ld.	12,599		
	569,060		
Less—Allowance for vacant houses	69,260		
		499,800	
NATIVE.			
At 12 per cent on $8,238,267, being assessed rental of rateable Chinese houses at exchange 75	741,444		
At 6 per cent on $328,643, being the same beyond Settlement limits as above at exchange 75	14,789		
	756,233		
Less—Allowance for vacant houses	105,833		
		650,400	
			1,150,200
WHARFAGE DUES.			
Council's share of dues, as per tariff, on goods passed through the Custom House			160,000
LICENCE FEES.			
Foreign Hotel and Tavern		6,500	
Foreign Liquor Seller		18,000	
Restaurant		4,700	
Billiard and Bowling Saloon		700	
Native Club		4,000	
Native Lodging House		6,600	
Native Wine Shop		16,000	
Tea Shop		7,500	
Foreign Theatre		1,800	
Native Theatre		3,600	
Pawn Shop		17,000	
Opium Shop		17,000	
Opium House		35,000	
Cargo Boat		5,800	
Ferry and Passenger Boat		1,100	
Steam Launch		2,200	
Native Boat		3,700	
Sampan		1,500	
Private-owned Pony and Carriage		14,500	
Livery Stable		26,000	
Motor Car		2,500	
Cart		20,000	
Private-owned Riesha		38,000	
Public Riesha		107,000	
Sedan Chair		5,200	
Wheelbarrow		39,000	
Firearms		2,700	
Dog		1,000	
			408,600
Carried forward			2,404,200

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ORDINARY INCOME—*continued.*

	Tls.	Tls.	Tls.
Brought forward			2,404,200
RENT OF MUNICIPAL PROPERTIES.			
Markets—			
Maloo	12,500		
Elgin	4,300		
Hongkew	14,600		
East Hongkew	2,500		
Wayside	900		
Mohawk	700		
Sinza	2,500		
		38,000	
Town Hall		1,000	
Firemen's Quarters—			
Central Station	1,300		
Hongkew Station	220		
Victoria Company Quarters	980		
		2,500	41,500
CONTRIBUTIONS FROM PUBLIC COMPANIES.			
Shanghai Waterworks Co., Ld. (*see* Sterling Extraordinary Income)			
Shanghai Gas Co., Ld., Discount of 25% on the cost of public lighting.		6,000	
Shanghai Mutual Telephone Co., Ld., Dividend of 6% on 1,000 shares from April 1, 1908, to March 31, 1909		3,000	
Shanghai Electric Construction Co., Ld., Royalty of 5% on gross receipts from Tramway Service		15,000	
			24,000
ESTIMATED TOTAL OF ORDINARY INCOME		...TAELS	2,469,700

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ORDINARY EXPENDITURE.—*continued.*

	Tls.	Tls.	Tls.
POLICE.			
Pay and Allowances.			
Foreigners.			
Captain-Superintendent	11,800		
Deputy Superintendent	5,700		
2 Assistant Superintendents	8,400		
3 Second Assistant Superintendents	9,300		
Cadet	1,800		
Chief Inspector	3,600		
Chief Detective Inspector	3,300		
10 Inspectors	21,000		
Detective Inspector	2,700		
Gaoler	2,460		
12 Sub-Inspectors	17,280		
3 Detective Sub-Inspectors	5,220		
Assistant Gaoler	1,980		
Superintendent of Convict Labour (Moiety)	1,740		
Additional do. do. (Moiety for 8 months) ...	1,600		
60 Sergeants	72,000		
15 do. (for 6 months)	9,000		
12 Detective Sergeants	18,000		
Senior Warder	1,375		
130 Constables	109,200		
10 do. (for 6 months)...	4,200		
5 Detective Constables	5,250		
9 Warders	8,910		
Rent Allowance.			
Captain-Superintendent 2,100			
1 Assistant Superintendent 900			
1 Second Assistant Superintendent 720			
Superintendent of Convict Labour (Moiety) ... 240			
Inspectors and Sergeants living out of barracks ... 1,200			
	5,160		
Fuel and Light Allowance for Captain, Deputy, 2 Assistant and 1 Second Assistant Superintendents	1,800		
Language Allowance for proficiency in Chinese...	17,670		
Allowance for duty at Mixed Court	1,350		
Allowance for Stenographer	240		
Drill Allowance	250		
		352,285	
Indians.			
2 Jemadars	990		
2 Sergeant Majors	570		
1 Head Warder	300		
52 Sergeants	12,110		
385 Constables	57,290		
65 do. (for 6 months)...	4,830		
112 Warders	20,300		
Granthi	180		
2 Interpreters	960		
14 Cooks	1,890		
Language Allowance for proficiency in English and Chinese ...	1,710		
Drill, Traffic and Rent Allowances	4,290		
Deferred Pay	15,100		
		120,520	
Carried forward		472,805	

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ORDINARY EXPENDITURE—*continued.*

	T s.	Tls.	Tls.
Brought forward		472,805	
POLICE—*continued.*			
Chinese.			
80 Sergeants	12,780		
6 Detective Sergeants	1,620		
830 Constables	97,110		
55 Detective Constables	10,395		
Chief Clerk	1,620		
31 Clerks and Interpreters	13,285		
11 Teachers	3,960		
2 Store Shroffs	450		
1 Tailor	135		
2 Cooks	155		
2 Compositors	540		
Messengers and Coolies	3,716		
Allowance to 14 Gatemen	120		
Drill and Traffic Allowances	330		
Language Allowance for proficiency in English	180		
Merit Allowance	450		
		146,846	
Superannuation		41,100	
Passages		16,720	
Medical aid.			
Pay of Indian Medical Assistant	540		
Pay of Chinese Medical Assistant	450		
Medicines	975		
Hospital charges	6,375		
		8,340	
Uniform and equipment		68,760	
Locomotion		10,194	
Patrol Ponies.			
Pay of Mafoos	1,190		
Fodder, Shoeing, Clipping, etc.	2,750		
Repairs to Saddlery	350		
		4,290	
Carried forward		769,055	

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ORDINARY EXPENDITURE—*continued*

	Tls.	Tls.	Tls.
Brought forward		769,055	
POLICE—*continued.*			
Fuel		21,000	
Light		16,700	
Water		3,800	
Printing, Stationery, Advertising, etc.		6,500	
Insurance		2,050	
Funeral expenses		500	
Expenses of prisoners.			
Food	25,350		
Clothing	10,500		
Photographs	1,000		
Miscellaneous expenses	1,000		
		37,850	
Telephone service		2,000	
Expenses for catching stray dogs	1,205		
Less—Redemption fees	1,200		
		5	
Recruiting expenses in England		9,750	
Maintenance and Repairs.			
Furniture and Fittings	950		
Arms	150		
		1,100	
Gratuities and Rewards		1,500	
Musketry Course		1,200	
Miscellaneous expenses		4,000	
Less.		877,010	
Mixed Court fines	40,000		
Receipts for special services	21,000		
Proceeds from sale of unclaimed property	1,000		
Profit on Convict Labour	30,000		
		92,000	
		785,010	
STOCK AND STORES.			
Furniture	16,000		
Lamps, whistles, and truncheons	600		
50 Rifles	2,850		
Motor Car accessories	720		
Remounts for patrol	500		
Miscellaneous	5,000		
		25,670	
Carried forward			810,680

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ORDINARY EXPENDITURE—*continued.*

	Tls.	Tls.	Tls.
Brought forward			810,680
HEALTH DEPARTMENT.*			
HEALTH OFFICE.			
Pay and Allowances.			
Health Officer	9,600		
2 Assistant Health Officers	10,200		
1 Laboratory Assistant	3,000		
1 Additional „ (for 6 months)	1,020		
Clerk	540		
Translator	2,040		
4 Inspectors	13,000		
16 Assistant Inspectors	30,030		
Chinese Staff:—	69,430		
40 Foremen ... 5,250			
390 House Refuse Coolies ... 28,500			
Disinfectors, Market and Creek Coolies, Office Staff, etc. 10,500			
Special Plague Prevention Staff ... 20,000			
	64,250		
Rent Allowance	660		
Fuel and Light Allowance	1,080		
Language Allowance for proficiency in Chinese	4,000		
Superannuation	7,100		
Passages	500		
Locomotion	4,000		
Fuel	1,750		
Light	1,750		
Water	2,750		
Printing, Stationery and Books	1,500		
Insurance	770		
Notification of Infectious Disease	450		
Laboratory Apparatus, Animals and Chemicals	4,500		
Disinfection	7,500		
Sanitary Apparatus and Materials	8,000		
House Refuse Disposal	7,500		
Telephone service	500		
Maintenance and Repairs	1,500		
Miscellaneous expenses	1,500		
	190,990		
Less—Receipts from Laboratory products and Certificates. 12,000			
Contribution from French Municipal Council to Laboratory ... 1,000			
Slaughter House Fees ... 15,000			
Sale of Ordure ... 54,000			
	82,000		
		108,990	
EXTRA-DEPARTMENTAL.			
Medical Attendance on Staff	7,500		
Port Health Work—Contribution to maintenance of Customs Quarantine Station	6,000		
Grant to General Hospital	4,000		
„ „ Shantung Road Hospital	2,000		
„ „ St. Luke's Hospital	2,000		
„ „ „ „ Special	5,000		
		26,500	
Carried forward		135,490	810,680

* This departmental estimate may be exceeded owing to precautions against Plague

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ORDINARY EXPENDITURE—*continued.*

	Tls.	Tls.	Tls.
Brought forward		135,490	810,680
HEALTH DEPARTMENT—*continued.*			
HOSPITALS.			
Pay and Allowances.			
Matron of Victoria Nursing Home	1,600		
„ Isolation Hospital	1,560		
„ Isolation Hospital for Chinese	1,020		
„ Mokanshan Sanatorium	1,020		
Custodian of Isolation Hospital	1,980		
2 Attendants at Mental Ward	2,000		
20 Nurses	11,892		
5 Probationer Nurses	1,188		
1 Indian Hospital Assistant	720		
Special Duty	2,000		
Language Allowance for proficiency in Chinese	300		
Chinese Staff	7,000		
Superannuation	3,870		
Passages	4,000		
Locomotion	800		
Uniform	1,500		
Fuel	4,500		
Light	4,500		
Printing and Stationery	400		
Drugs and Instruments	3,500		
Messing	18,000		
Washing	1,200		
Water	400		
Telephone Service	400		
Insurance	730		
Expenses of engaging Staff in England	400		
Maintenance and Repairs	3,000		
Miscellaneous expenses	1,000		
	80,480		
Less—Receipts from Victoria Nursing Home ... 25,000			
„ „ Isolation Hospitals 7,000			
„ „ Police Hospital 2,000			
„ „ Sanatorium 1,000			
Contribution from French Municipal Council ... 600			
	35,600		
		44,880	
CEMETERIES, CREMATORIUM AND PUBLIC MORTUARY.			
Pay of Sexton	2,500		
Pay of Chinese Staff	3,000		
Language Allowance for proficiency in Chinese	288		
Superannuation	180		
Grave Contractor, etc.	2,500		
Fuel	250		
Insurance	50		
Maintenance and Repairs	500		
Miscellaneous expenses	250		
	9,518		
Less—Fees for Cremation 500			
„ Grave making 3,000			
„ Grave spaces 2,500			
„ Reservation 500			
	6,500		
		3,018	
SWIMMING BATH.			
Allowance of Assistant Inspector	180		
Pay of Chinese Staff	300		
Light	150		
Water	750		
Insurance	50		
Miscellaneous expenses	400		
	1,830		
Less—Receipts from bathers	750		
		1,080	
STOCK AND STORES.			
Laboratory and Sanitary Apparatus	2,500		
Hospital fittings and furniture including that Police Hospital	7,500		
Turnstile for Swimming Bath	350		
		10,350	
			194,818
Carried forward			1,005,498

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ORDINARY EXPENDITURE.—*continued.*

	Tls.	Tls.	Tls.
Brought forward			1,005,498
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.			
GENERAL.			
Pay and Allowances.			
Foreigners.			
Engineer and Surveyor	9,600		
Deputy Engineer and Surveyor	4,070		
Chief Engineering Assistant	4,300		
Chief Architectural Assistant	4,800		
Chief Surveying Assistant	3,800		
2 Divisional Engineers	7,250		
2 Assistant Divisional Engineers	5,040		
1 Engineering Assistant	2,000		
1 Architectural Assistant	2,520		
6 Surveying Assistants	16,160		
5 Clerical Assistants	8,730		
Stenographer	1,500		
Building Surveyor	3,000		
4 Building Inspectors	7,200		
4 Clerks of Works	9,810		
Custodian of Town Hall	1,980		
Rent Allowance.			
Deputy Engineer	580		
Clerk of Works	480		
Fuel and Light allowance for Engineer and Deputy Engineer	600		
Language allowance for proficiency in Chinese	576		
Chinese.			
Writers	3,210		
Tracers	3,760		
Messengers and Coolies	1,530		
5 Building Foremen	700		
Survey Staff	2,000		
	105,196		
Superannuation	9,000		
Passages	3,800		
Locomotion	6,770		
Fuel	250		
Light	500		
Printing, Stationery, Advertising, etc.	2,000		
Drawing Materials and Plans	1,000		
Telephone service	600		
Insurance	146		
Miscellaneous expenses	1,300		
	130,562		
Less.—Building Permit fees 3,000			
Private Work Supervision fees 5,000			
Miscellaneous Permit fees 5,500	13,500		
		117,062	
BUILDINGS.			
Upkeep and General Repairs to:—			
Town Hall	2,800		
Police Stations	8,000		
Health Department Buildings	11,500		
Other Municipal Buildings	10,000		
		32,300	
CREEKS AND RIVER.			
Repairs and Renewals to:—			
Bridges	15,200		
Bundings	12,000		
Jetties and Pontoons	5,100		
Working expenses of steam dredger	3,500		
Cleaning, etc. main lines of creeks	8,000		
		43,800	
Carried forward		193,162	1,005,498

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ORDINARY EXPENDITURE—*continued.*

	Tls.	Tls.	Tls.
Brought forward		193,162	1,005,498
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT—*continued.*			
DRAINAGE.			
Constructing new sewers in the following roads :—			
Connaught Road, extending culvert over Hsu Kung Pang	275		
Chungking Road, concrete culvert to replace existing bridge over the Chang Pang. Half cost	350		
Ferry Road, extending existing culvert near Sinza Road	1,600		
Yates Road, reinforced concrete culvert to replace existing wooden bridge over Sze Pang	2,000		
Hungjao Road, concrete culvert to replace existing wooden bridge...	1,570		
Jessfield Road, east side between Connaught Road and Robison Roads	410		
Jessfield Road, extending existing culvert near Brenan Piece ...	1,424		
Taku Road, between Cadastral Lots 1370 and 1410	1,440		
North Honan Road, Balance of cost	9,700		
Boundary Road, North Honan Road to North Chekiang Road ...	8,800		
Wuchow Road, East Yalu Road to Hailar Road	1,200		
Kaifeng Road, North Thibet Road to Winchester Road	380		
Alabaster Road, Winchester Road to Kansuh Road	2,900		
Kansuh Road, Alabaster Road to North Soochow Road	2,900		
Kiangse Road, reconstruction of existing sewer between Sungkiang and Foochow Roads	9,900		
Iron gully and manhole covers	1,500		
Repairing and cleaning drains	8,000		
Renewing street gullies	2,000		
	56,349		
Less—Profit on Concreteware Manufactory	5,000		
		51,349	
ROADS.			
Pay and Allowances.			
Foreigners.			
Superintendent (Moiety)	1,740		
Superintendent of Machinery	1,800		
9 Overseers	15,120		
18 Indian Overseers	4,770		
Rent Allowance.			
Superintendent (Moiety)	240		
1 Overseer	240		
Language Allowance for proficiency in Chinese	432		
Chinese.			
Metalling Labour	40,000		
Cleansing Labour	24,000		
Mafoos	8,000		
Steam Roller Staff.			
6 Drivers	1,060		
6 Firemen	866		
	98,268		
Superannuation	1,900		
Passages	1,300		
Locomotion	1,150		
Uniform	1,200		
Medical Aid	300		
Granite chips, sand and broken bricks	67,500		
Kerb and Channel	5,000		
Chip-pavements and chip-paved margins	6,250		
Street pavements	10,000		
Wood paving	3,194		
Tools, renewals and repairs	8,500		
Boundary stones	350		
Street name-plates	1,100		
Working expenses of 6 steam-rollers...	4,760		
Chinese Government Land Tax	300		
Maintenance of carts and harness	7,750		
Insurance...	1,150		
Water...	9,000		
Danger Lamps—Oil, Repairs, etc.	700		
Stud—Metalling	9,240		
Cleansing	27,600		
Carried forward		244,511	1,005,498

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ORDINARY EXPENDITURE—*continued.*

	Tls.	Tls.	Tls.
Brought forward		244,511	1,005,498
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT—*continued.*			
ROADS—*continued.*			
Barging away road detritus	3,150		
Raking and repairing mud roads	2,600		
Repairs to Foochow pole railings	1,600		
Miscellaneous expenses	1,000		
	274,862		
Less—Refund by Tramway Co. for maintenance of track surface 7,150			
Profit on Pingchiao Quarry	5,000		
	12,150		
		262,712	
LIGHTING.			
Electricity.			
272 arc lamps	40,000		
125 incandescent lamps	3,700		
	43,700		
Gas.			
774 Lamps	26,000		
Extensions.			
Electricity and gas	20,000		
Oil.			
For outlying districts	1,000		
		90,700	
PARKS AND OPEN SPACES.			
Pay—Foreigners.			
Superintendent	3,250		
Assistant Superintendent	2,175		
Park-keeper	1,200		
Indian Police watchman	270		
Chinese.			
Writer	150		
Chinese Policeman	135		
9 Foremen	1,040		
31 Gardeners	2,644		
3 Boys	132		
2 Mafoos	145		
Motor lawn mower driver	126		
Cook	70		
Amah (6 months)	41		
Labour	9,500		
	20,878		
Superannuation	663		
Passages	650		
Locomotion	500		
Stud	650		
Fuel	500		
Water	1,200		
Lighting Gardens	1,400		
Insurance	200		
Tools, renewals and repairs	400		
Motor lawn mower, gasoline, repairs, etc.	300		
Chinese Government Land Tax	400		
Repainting hot-houses, seats, etc.	2,000		
Trees, shrubs, seeds and turf	2,000		
Mud, sand and gravel	550		
Poles and tree fastenings	1,800		
Matsheds for Recreation Grounds and Repairs to Fences	500		
Miscellaneous expenses	1,800		
	36,391		
Less—Receipts for hire of plants, etc.	600		
		35,791	
STOCK AND STORES.			
Shafts and wheels for carts	1,750		
Surveying instruments	500		
Chairs and seats for Hongkew Recreation Ground	500		
Chairs for Town Hall	1,000		
1 Motor lawn mower	1,800		
		5,550	639,264
Carried forward			1,644,762

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ORDINARY EXPENDITURE—*continued*

	Tls.	Tls.	Tls.
Brought forward			1,644,762
SECRETARIAT.			
Pay and Allowances.			
Foreigners.			
Secretary	9,375		
2 Assistant Secretaries	9,400		
Accountant	7,200		
Sub-Accountant	4,020		
Overseer of Taxes	4,800		
Assistant Overseer of Taxes	4,080		
7 Assistants	15,495		
1 do. for 6 months	1,500		
2 Stenographers	2,460		
Inspector of Vehicles	2,580		
Tax Inspector	2,580		
14 Tax Collectors	24,990		
Director of Chinese Studies	1,200		
Attached Employé	3,300		
Rent Allowance for Assistant Secretaries	1,800		
Fuel and Light Allowance for Secretary and Assistant Secretaries	1,080		
Language Allowance for proficiency in Chinese	1,250		
Chinese.			
Translator	1,500		
7 Assistants	3,912		
15 Writers	5,364		
Compradore and Staff	12,360		
Chinese Tuition	400		
Messengers, coolies, etc.	2,160		
	122,806		
Superannuation	9,147		
Reporter's retainer	600		
Passages	1,610		
Locomotion	4,500		
Fuel	250		
Light	1,150		
Uniform	1,200		
Medical aid	450		
Insurance	115		
Printing, Stationery, Advertising and Newspapers	10,000		
Printing Annual Report and Budget	3,700		
Printing Municipal Gazette	3,000		
House and Vehicle Number Plates	500		
Telephone service	400		
Miscellaneous expenses	1,000		
Stock and Stores	1,000		
		161,428	
Less—Charged to industrial undertakings		3,600	
			157,828
Carried forward			1,802,590

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ORDINARY EXPENDITURE.—*continued.*

	Tls.	Tls.	Tls.
Brought forward			1,802,590
VOLUNTEERS.			
Pay and Allowances.			
Foreigners.			
Commandant	6,000		
Sergeant Major	1,890		
2 Sergeants	3,120		
Fuel and Light Allowance for Commandant	360		
Allowance to officers attending Schools of Instruction	540		
Chinese.			
Town Hall, Riding School and Orderly Room Staff	2,095		
Range Staff	1,697		
		15,702	
Passages		600	
Locomotion		1,040	
Artillery Ponies		1,500	
Fuel		300	
Light		1,000	
Uniform		5,000	
Accoutrements		1,000	
Printing, Stationery, Advertising, etc.		1,500	
Telephone Service		350	
Band		150	
Insurance		606	
Repairs to Arms and Equipment		1,500	
Ammunition		5,000	
Camp of Exercise		2,000	
Subscription to N.R.A.		87	
Postages		300	
Maintenance of Range	2,500		
Less—Proceeds from sale of cartridge cases, lead, use of Range, etc.	1,250		
		1,250	
Miscellaneous expenses		2,000	
Stock and Stores			
150 Short Rifles and Bayonets	8,500		
2 Office Desks	80		
2 Ponies	260		
1 Typewriter	150		
		8,990	
			49,875
PUBLIC BAND.			
Pay and Allowances.			
Europeans.			
Conductor	3,900		
Assistant Conductor	1,920		
6 Musicians	9,720		
3 Musicians (for 3 months)	1,215		
Manilamen.			
Assistant Conductor	1,350		
24 Musicians	15,600		
3 Musicians (for 6 months)	1,000		
1 do. (for 8 months)	440		
Librarian and coolies	300		
Rent Allowance	2,200		
Fuel do.	500		
		38,145	
Superannuation		3,730	
Passages		2,300	
Locomotion		1,000	
Uniform		800	
Medical aid		200	
Printing, Stationery, Advertising, etc.		700	
New music		250	
Repairs to instruments, etc.		200	
Insurance		15	
Miscellaneous expenses		300	
		47,640	
Less—Contribution from French Municipal Council	1,500		
Council's share of receipts for private services	4,500		
		6,000	
			41,640
Carried forward			1,894,105

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ORDINARY EXPENDITURE—*continued.*

	Tls.	Tls.	Tls
Brought forward			1,894,105
FIRE BRIGADE.			
Pay.			
Departmental Engineer	3,480		
Temporary Assistant Engineer	1,000		
Watchmen at Bell Towers	3,400		
Native Staff at Workshop	3,000		
Engineers, Firemen, Chauffeurs, etc.	4,000		
Coolie Corps	850		
		15,730	
Stud.			
Pay of Mafoos and Fodder	5,000		
Shoeing, Clipping, etc.	400		
Veterinary Surgeons' Fees	400		
Repairs to Harness and Stable Sundries	600		
		6,400	
Superannuation		350	
Passage		620	
Locomotion		600	
Fuel		2,360	
Light		2,400	
Uniform		2,630	
Medical aid		200	
Insurance		200	
Printing and Stationery		150	
Water		1,200	
Materials and coal for workshop		3,000	
Plant, maintenance and repairs		1,600	
Hose Renewals		5,700	
Telephones and Fire Alarms		1,700	
Refreshments for Firemen at Fires		500	
Company Cups		180	
Miscellaneous expenses		250	
STOCK AND STORES.			
Horses and Ponies	2,500		
Hook and Ladder Truck	1,750		
		4,250	
		50,020	
Less.—Receipts from Blacksmith labour	6,000		
Receipts from services of Fire Float	1,000		
		7,000	
			43,020
Carried forward			1,937,125

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ORDINARY EXPENDITURE - *continued.*

	Tls.	Tls.	Tls.
Brought forward			1,937,125
EDUCATIONAL GRANTS.			
PUBLIC SCHOOL.			
Pay and Allowances.			
Headmaster ... 4,725			
3 Assistant Masters ... 7,900			
1 Assistant Master (for 9 months) ... 1,540			
11 Assistant Mistresses ... 16,462			
Chinese Staff ... 870			
Rent Allowance for Headmaster ... 540			
Fuel and Light Allowance do. ... 360			
	32,397		
Superannuation ...	3,110		
Passages ...	1,200		
Printing, Stationery and Advertising ...	1,200		
Fuel ...	300		
Light ...	150		
Laboratory ...	100		
Text books ...	100		
Kindergarten material, etc. ...	100		
Insurance ...	153		
Expenses of Evening classes ...	50		
Telephone service ...	40		
Maintenance and repairs ...	200		
Miscellaneous ...	550		
	39,650		
Stock and Stores.			
Furniture ...	750		
	40,400		
Less—School fees ...	24,000		
		16,400	
PUBLIC SCHOOL FOR CHINESE.			
Pay and Allowances.			
Headmaster ... 3,000			
3 Assistant Masters ... 5,395			
1 do. do. (for 3 months) ... 375			
12 Chinese Teachers and 1 Writer ... 6,480			
4 Coolies and 1 Watchman ... 370			
Chinese Tuition ... 360			
Fuel and Light Allowance ... 360			
Rent Allowance ... 450			
	16,790		
Superannuation ...	1,070		
Passage ...	470		
Printing, Stationery and Advertising ...	600		
Text books ...	250		
Fuel ...	120		
Light ...	80		
Insurance ...	120		
Maintenance and repairs ...	200		
Miscellaneous ...	300		
	20,000		
Less—School fees ...	9,000		
		11,000	
THOMAS HANBURY SCHOOL ...		1,500	
FRENCH ORPHANAGE ...		1,000	
ST. XAVIER'S SCHOOL ...		1,500	
SHANGHAI JEWISH SCHOOL ...		500	
DOOR OF HOPE ...		2,000	
REFUGE FOR CHINESE SLAVE CHILDREN ...		1,000	
SHANGHAI LIBRARY ...		1,000	
SHANGHAI MUSEUM ...		1,000	
do. SPECIAL ...		2,000	
			38,900
Carried forward			1,976,025

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ORDINARY EXPENDITURE—*continued*

	Tls.	Tls.	Tls.
Brought forward			1,976,025
GENERAL CHARGES.			
Legal expenses		3,500	
Audit fee—£200		1,700	
Semaphore Service		2,000	
Pew-rents and relief of poor		500	
Rent of Municipal properties.			
Public Recreation Ground	600		
Police Stations.			
Bubbling Well	560		
Harbin Road	1,200		
Police Quarters.			
No. 8B Kiukiang Road	1,680		
No. 8 Seward Road	1,200		
No. 12 Ward Road	600		
No. 495/499 Ward Road	342		
No. 118/121 Yangtszepoo Road	270		
No. 5 Yu Yuen Road	1,080		
No. 79/80 Bubbling Well Road	2,472		
Fire Brigade.			
Hanbury Road Fire Station	300		
Victoria Company Quarters, No. 17 Museum Road	1,800		
Depôts.			
Soochow Road	360		
Jessfield Road	5		
Yangtszepoo	250		
No. 848 Park Road	90		
		12,809	
			20,509
INTEREST.			
On General Loans and Special Loan	111,400		
On Savings Bank, Security Deposits, etc.	33,500		
		144,900	
Less—Trust Funds, Investment Account, etc.		39,800	
			105,100
REDEMPTION OF DEBENTURES.			
Repayment of proportionate amount of debentures outstanding			143,700
ESTIMATED TOTAL OF ORDINARY EXPENDITURE		TAELS	2,245,334
ESTIMATED SURPLUS		TAELS	224,366
		TAELS	2,469,700

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EXTRAORDINARY INCOME.

	Tls.	Tls.
Surplus from 1908		10,062.46
Estimated Surplus on Ordinary Budget		224,366.00
Amount recommended to be raised by debentures if necessary		400,000.00
	Taels	634,428.46

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EXTRAORDINARY EXPENDITURE.

	Tls.	Tls.
Bridges.		
Yangkingpang, widening of the Bund Bridge, one-fourth of cost	10,000	
Singkeipang, reinforced concrete bridge at Chaoufoong Road	4,000	
		14,000.00
Bundings.		
Soochow Creek, in concrete :—		
From Fokien Road to Cadastral lot 298	5,000	
Soochow Road east of Chekiang Road Bridge	4,150	
		9,150.00
Drainage.		
Great Western Road, culvert from Defence Creek to Mohawk Road, half cost ...	16,750	
Defence Creek, brick culvert between Great Western Road and Yangkingpang, half cost	2,200	
Jehol and Kaifeng Roads, reinforced concrete sewer	10,000	
		28,950.00
Landing Stages.		
Soochow Creek in reinforced concrete :—		
At Astor Road to replace existing wooden jetty	900	
East and west of North Chekiang Road	1,000	
East of Fokien Road	500	
Hongkew Creek, in wood :—		
Two jetties between East Yalu and East Yuhang Roads	900	
Yangtszepoo Creek in wood :—		
South of Yangtszepoo Road	900	
		4,200.00
Land.		
Central Offices, extension	90,000	
Eastern Police Depôt, extension and raising	8,500	
Market for Yangtszepoo	5,000	
Bubbling Well Cemetery, raising and turfing south-west corner	2.450	
Bubbling Well Cemetery extension Victoria Nursing Home extension Isolation Hospital extension }	15,000	
Latrine sites	2,000	
3 Public Works Depôts in Eastern District, Tls. 34,000, portion of cost	15,000	
Wayside Park, balance of cost	5,000	
Hungjao Road Nursery, balance of cost	1,000	
Mokanshan Sanatorium, extension	5,000	
		148,950.00
Buildings.		
Police.		
Hongkew Station, Additional Building, Indian Kitchen and Beggars' Cells, balance of cost 5,500		
,, ,, extra gates, fences, etc. 675		
Wayside Station, Additional Building and Alterations, balance of cost ... 26,000		
Gaol, Quarters, and Godown, balance of cost 550		
,, Raising Extension, balance of cost 1,450		
,, Work Sheds 12,000		
,, Laundry, Baths, etc., Tls. 20,500, portion of cost 10,000		
Eastern Depôt, boundary wall and gates, Tls. 10,000, portion of cost 2,000		
Western Depôt, Foreign Quarters and Store, etc., balance of cost 39,000		
,, ,, Inspectors' Quarters, balance of cost 12,500		
,, ,, Dog Kennels, balance of cost 600		
Carried forward	110,275	205,250.00

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EXTRAORDINARY EXPENDITURE—*continued.*

		Tls.	Tls.
	Brought forward	110,275	205,250.00
Buildings—continued.			
Public Health.			
Bubbling Well Cemetery, buildings and wall, balance of cost	600		
Isolation Hospital, additional building	5,000		
,, ,, alteration to Quarters	6,000		
Hospital for Chinese, balance of cost	9,500		
Sinza Market, Transfer and Enlargement, balance of cost	4,750		
Market for Yangtszepoo Tls. 6,000, portion of cost	3,000		
New latrines	2,000		
		30,850	
Fire Brigade.			
Sinza Fire Station, Tls. 43,000, portion of cost		23,000	
Miscellaneous.			
Carpenters' shops, Concreteware Depôt	2,500		
Overseers' Office, Hart Road Depôt	600		
Steam Roller Shed, Northern District	400		
Pavilion for Public School at Hongkew Recreation Ground	750		
		4,250	
			168,375.00
Parks and Open Spaces.			
Hongkew Recreation Ground, raising Section A, balance of cost		1,300	
,, Turfing and laying out Sections A, D, E and F		7,600	
,, Trees and shrubs		800	
,, Summer-house, footpath, etc.		300	
			10,000.00
Roads.			
Acquiring land for new roads and for widening and extending existing roads.	120,000		
Making up and metalling ditto	60,000		
		180,000	
Woodpaving Nanking Road between Kiangse and Chekiang Road		70,000	
			250,000.00
ESTIMATED SURPLUS to be carried forward			803.46
		TAELS.	634,428.46

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STERLING EXTRAORDINARY INCOME.

Debentures to be issued at 98 less 10s.% stamp duty (£12,000)	£11,700
Loan of 1905, £50,000, of which there will remain to be issued, £18,000	
Dividend on 1,950 shares in the Shanghai Waterworks Co. Ld.	5,000
	£16,700

STERLING EXTRAORDINARY EXPENDITURE.

Repayment of overdraft at the Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation, London	£11,890
Motor-driven hose-tender	800
Interest	1,200
Balance	2,810
	£16,700

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The Municipal Gazette.

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NOTICE.

THE undersigned hereby give notice that a Public Meeting of Ratepayers will be held in the Town Hall, on Wednesday, March 17, 1909, at 3 o'clock p.m. precisely, to devise ways and means of raising the requisite funds for Municipal purposes, and to pass resolutions in reference thereto and to deliberate and decide upon other Municipal matters and business. At such meeting the accounts of the Council for the year ending December 31, 1908, will be submitted for the sanction and approval of the Ratepayers.

Shanghai, February 27, 1909.

D. SIFFERT,
Consul-General for Belgium.

C. KLEIMENOW,
Consul-General for Russia.

PELHAM L. WARREN,
H.B.M. Consul-General.

J. F. DAS CHAGAS,
Acting Vice Consul-in-Charge Consulate-General for Portugal.

L. RATARD,
Consul-General for France.

K. MUSHAKOJI,
Acting Consul-General for Japan.

THORVALD HANSEN,
Consul-General for Norway.

PAUL VON BURI,
Consul-General for Germany.

RICHARD BAGGE,
Consul-General for Sweden.

G. A. FAVILLA,
for the Acting Consul-General for Italy.

L. VON ZEPPELIN OBERMULLER,
Consul-General for the Netherlands.

B. E. VIETA,
Vice-Consul-in-Charge, Consulate-General for Cuba.

DR. K. BERNAUER,
Acting Consul-General for Austria-Hungary.

T. RAASCHOU,
Consul-General for Denmark.

CHAS. DENBY,
Consul-General for the United States.

A. MARTI,
Acting Consul for Mexico.

J. M. DE LOS RIOS,
Consul for Spain.

MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION.

No. 1952.

THE following motions will be brought forward by the Council at the Annual Meeting of Ratepayers to be held at the Town Hall on March 17, 1909, and are published for general information :—

Resolution I.—Occupancy of the Chair.

Resolution II.—Appointment of a Secretary to the Meeting.

Resolution III.—That the rules of procedure in force during the past year, with the amendment of No. 8 as published in the Municipal Gazette on May 28, 1908, be adopted for use at this meeting and remain in force until the next annual meeting.

Resolution IV.—That the Report, and Accounts for the year ending December 31, 1908, as published in the Municipal Gazette on February 27, 1909, be passed.

Resolution V.—That in cases where compensation shall be paid for land for road purposes under Article VIA of the Land Regulations at a price higher than the assessed value plus the usual consideration of 10 per cent for compulsory sale, the Council be hereby authorized to assess and collect Land Tax on the Cadastral lots from which such land is taken at the price paid by the Council for such surrendered land.

Resolution VI.—That the estimated expenditure for 1909, contained in the Budget proposed by the retiring Council and published in the Municipal Gazette on March 4, 1909, together with the recommendations attached thereto, be approved and adopted, and that the Council be hereby authorized to impose, collect and recover the rates, taxes, dues and fees recommended therein, and to raise, should it be considered expedient to do so, a sum not exceeding Tls. 400,000 (four hundred thousand taels), by the issue of debentures redeemable in not less than five and not more than twenty years from date of issue and bearing interest at a rate not exceeding six per centum per annum, for the purposes defined in the estimate of Extraordinary Expenditure.

Resolution VII. By Ratepayers.—That considering the congested condition of traffic on the Nanking Road, and the present insanitary state of the Yangkingpang, the Council of the Foreign Settlement is hereby empowered to enter into negotiations with the French Municipal Council to culvert the Yangkingpang, provided that the last named Council is still prepared to defray half the cost of the undertaking. And it is further resolved that to enable this work to be carried out, with as little delay as possible, this Council is hereby authorized to issue an additional loan to cover the necessary cost.

Resolution VIII.—That this meeting would approve of the inclusion within the limits of the Settlement, of the tract of land lying between the Railway and the Soochow Creek, from the Cantonese Cemetery to the Hongkew Recreation Ground; and that the Council be authorized to maintain unrelaxed endeavours to this end.

Resolution IX.—That the Council be hereby authorized to resume the sale of electric lamps, as distinguished from "fans and other fittings" to which the Resolution passed at the Special Meeting of Ratepayers on January 26, 1904, made reference.

Resolution X.—That this meeting records its regret that gambling houses are permitted to be open on Municipal roads, being or leading out of the Settlement, and that the Council be hereby authorized to take such steps as are possible either to close them or to apply to them the conditions of licence, now enforced for places of public entertainment within Settlement limits.

Resolution XI.—By Ratepayers.—That the Council be hereby authorized to give effect to the proposals of the Board of Officers of the Volunteer Corps for the provision of a new Drill Hall, as published in the Municipal Gazette on February 27, 1908, and to raise for the purpose a sum not exceeding Tls. 100,000 (one hundred thousand taels) in the manner provided in Resolution VI foregoing.

Resolution XII.—Election of Land Commissioner for the ensuing year.

Resolution XIII.—Election of four Governors of the General Hospital for the ensuing year.

Ratepayers intending to ask questions in regard to the Accounts or other matters connected with the foregoing Resolutions, are requested to give notice of such intention before the meeting, so that a full answer or other explanation may be given.

Ratepayers desirous of bringing forward additional motions or of nominating duly qualified persons willing to serve under Resolutions XII and XIII are required to give notice thereof to the undersigned before 4 p.m. on March 13 for due publication.

By order,

W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

Council Room,
Shanghai, March 4, 1909.

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MUNIC PAL NOTIFICATION.

No. 1953.

THE Council is prepared to receive tenders for the annual supply of PORTLAND CEMENT in such quantities as may be required.

Specifications may be seen, and all necessary information obtained, upon application at the Public Works Office, Hankow Road, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Sealed tenders will be received by the undersigned not later than noon on Saturday, June 26, 1909, and should be marked "Tender for Portland Cement."

The Council does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender, or to pay any expenses which the contractor may incur in tendering. The contractor whose tender is eventually accepted will be required to give satisfactory security for the due performance of the contract.

The names of tenderers, with the prices quoted, will be published for general information.

By order,
W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

Council Room,
Shanghai, March 10, 1909.

MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION.

No. 1954.

HOTELS AND RESTAURANTS.

REFERRING to Notification No. 1948 notice is hereby given that applications have been made to the Council for the following new Hotel and Restaurant licences for the ensuing Municipal year:—

Name of Applicant.	Address.
HOTELS AND TAVERNS.	
S. Moutrie & Co., Ld.	3 Nanking Road.
Y. Kobayashi	K 1 Boone Road.
R. Paterson, receiver for D. Haimovitch	1-2 Fearon Road.
C. A. Biddle	5,6 & 7 Nanzing Rd. & 21 Broadway
Mrs. Perlman	*5,6 & 7 Nanzing Rd. & 21 Broadway
B. W. Thomas	H 131 Nanzing Rd.
Kintaro Wakasa	42 North Szechuen Road
A. Popovich	51-56 North Szechuen Road.
Mrs. Ida Seif	†70-71 North Szechuen Road.
Fredk. Davies	173 B. Well Road.
RESTAURANTS.	
F. Logiudice	10 Boone Road.
P. Rauhe	23 Fearon Road.
F. Johnsen	H. 130 Nanzing Road.

*Transfer from 66 Yangtszepoo Road.
†Transfer from 203 Bubbling Well Road.

The public is reminded that protests against the issue of these licences or against the renewal of any existing licences will be heard by a Committee of the Council sitting in the Municipal Board Room at 4.30 p.m. on March 26, 1909.

It is requested that notice of such protests be given in writing to the undersigned.

By order,
W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

Council Room,
Shanghai, March 10, 1909.

AT the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, March 3, 1909, at 4.30 p.m., there are present:

Messrs. D. Landale (*Chairman*)
W. D. Little
H. A. J. Macray
R. S. F. McBain
O. Meuser
W. A. C. Platt
J. Prentice
The Secretary and Assistant Secretary.

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

The minutes of the last meeting are read, confirmed, signed by the Chairman and passed for publication.

Volunteers.

Upon the recommendation of the Commandant, nine months' leave of absence is granted to Lieutenant G. G. Carlsen, commanding the Signallers.

Police.

Officers' Uniform.—A report by the Captain-Superintendent draws attention to the detriment to his work, and to that of the Deputy Superintendent, which the continuous wearing of uniform brings about. This matter had the attention of the Watch Committee in September, 1907, and was considered to be one for the exercise of the Captain-Superintendent's discretion, but, in accordance with Colonel Bruce's request, the view is now recorded that more efficient work could unquestionably be performed upon occasion, by the senior officers and inspectors of the Force in plain clothes. His suggestions in the matter are therefore adopted.

Foreign Branch.—Sub-Inspector Helyer is reduced to the rank of 1st Class Sergeant as from March 1, for making false entries in the Occurrence Book. His service will terminate on May 10.

The promotion of the following to be 2nd Class Sergeants is authorised:—

J. Dee from February 5
A. McGregor „ „ 11
A. H. Aiers „ „ 16

Indian Branch.—The following are discharged invalided, deferred pay and passage money to be issued:—

Indian Constable No. 323, Funjdah Singh as from February 20.

Indian Warder No. 25, Sucha Singh as from February 25.

Indian Constable No. 394, Santa Singh as from February 23.

Native Supernumeraries.—The pay of coolies, mafoos and prisoners' cooks, attached to the Force, will be issued under the following fixed scale, with effect from March 1:—

On appointment $ 8 per mensem
After 5 years service $ 9 „ „
„ 10 „ „ $10 „ „
(maximum)

Policing of Private Roads.—The request of the Shanghai Land Investment Co., Ld. is submitted, that the policing of the Jinkee and Yuen-ming-yuen Roads may be put upon a more satisfactory basis; and it is noted that the cost of this work, if carried out upon the lines usual in public streets, would amount to Tls. 1,080 per annum, or, with certain similar private roads in the Northern District added, Tls. 1,500. In conveying an offer in these terms, allusion will be made to the annual payment at present made by the Company for the maintenance of the roads in question, and it is pointed out that their surrender for public use would free the Company from both sources of expenditure.

Native Restaurants and Theatres.

A Police report refers to the presence in these establishments, of singing girls under the age of 15, and recommends the insertion of a prohibitive clause in the conditions of the respective licenses. This recommendation is, with the approval of the Watch Committee, endorsed.

Chang Su-Ho's Garden.

A letter from Pastor Kranz, the registered owner of this property, announces that it is to be re-opened for public use without entrance fee, and desires that the abatement of taxation formerly allowed, may be resumed. In accordance with the suggestion of the Overseer of Taxes, the same reduction of 30 per cent on the Land Tax payable is authorized, with effect so long as the Garden is open to the public.

Budget for 1909.

Messrs. H. De Gray, F. C. Heffer and T. E. Trueman, members of the incoming Council, attend for the discussion of the Budget, submitted in proof, and the Chairman briefly summarises the salient features for their information. Concurrence in the figures presented is generally accorded, both in respect to the rates of taxation and to the necessity for the expenditure proposed, notably in regard to the Police Force, which has exactly doubled in cost since 1905. It is pointed out that the division of items of Drainage between Ordinary and Extraordinary Expenditure is to some extent misleading, and the Council concurs in the view that some definite ruling on the point should be adopted and published before next year.

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Ratepayers' Meeting.

The official Resolutions to be proposed by the Council at the forthcoming meeting are submitted in draft and approved for publication. In regard to that relating to the extension of the Settlement, the Chairman points out that it has been drawn (i) with a view to showing the public that the difficulties at present experienced in regard to policing on the boundary are real, and (ii) to afford an opportunity for s pporting with a public vote, the action which is being taken by the Diplomatic Body in Peking.

The Resolution relating to the proposed new Drill Hall for the Volunteer Corps is included in accordance with the Council's undertaking, given to the representative officers of the Corps. Mr. Trueman states that outside ratepayers are prepared, with the Council's approval, to propose and second it. After some discussion, this suggestion is accepted, and the words "By Ratepayers" will be inserted in the Notification, it being noted that there is ample time for any alteration which may be considered necessary.

In regard to the Accounts for 1908 and the Estimates for 1909 a paragraph has been added to the Notification expressive of the Council's readiness to answer questions or afford full explanation on any points, provided sufficient notice is given. The adoption of this course will tend to simplify debate

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The members of the incoming Council then withdraw.

Opium Houses.

The reply of the Senior Consul is received to the Council's letter on the subject of the seven opium houses in the Native City, to the effect that the Taotai had already given instructions as to their discontinuance :—

February 27, 1909.

SIR,—With reference to your letter of January 26 giving particulars as to 7 houses within the limits of the native city remaining open for opium consumption, I have the honour to inform you that the fact having been brought by us to the notice of the Taotai, the latter answered, on February 15, that he had already heard of it, and had again immediately given stringent instructions in this respect to the officials in the city.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,
D. SIFFERT,
Consul-General for Belgium, and Senior Consul.

D. LANDALE, Esq.,
Chairman, Municipal Council.

Victoria Nursing Home.

Certain additions are required to this building with a view to adequate fire protection, and, in particular, the construction of outside staircases and the placing in position of internal hydrants. The estimate of the probable cost is in course of preparation by the Engineer and will be submitted for consideration by the Council at an early date.

Road Extensions and Widenings.

Official Plans, 1909.—Those for the Central, Northern, Eastern (Section B) and Western Districts are submitted in draft, with the schedule of the alterations made during the year and of those proposed. The latter comprise the following :—

The Bund.—A new bund line 50 feet back from the Conservancy Normal Line, which, with the new line for the Soochow Creek, will provide for a further enlargement of the Public Garden.

Woosung Road.—Scheduling a portion of Cadastral lots 1071 and 1079 to correct the road alignment.

Markham Road.—A scheduled widening between Cadastral lots 4325 and 4390.

The plans are formally approved and signed by the Chairman.

Peking Road.—Two strips of unregistered land on the south side of the road, east of Cadastral Lot 467A, are authorized for purchase from Mr. Sung Yih-ching and Mr. Yoh Sao-foo respectively, as follows:—

	Tls.
Mow 0.024 at Tls. 17,000 per mow	408
Plus 10 per cent	40
	448
Less one third for betterment ...	149
	299
Plus reinstatement of two houses	140
Tls. ...	439
Mow 0.025 at Tls. 17,000 per mow	425
Plus ten per cent	42
	467
Less one third for betterment ...	156
	311
Plus reinstatement of two houses..	140
Tls. ...	451

Ward Road.—Petition by the villagers of Ying Hsiang Kong is considered, requesting a northerly deviation of the extension of this road east of Yangtszepoo Creek, in order to obviate the removal of a large number of native houses and graves. The Engineer reports that he has already replied in the negative to a previous petition on this subject, and the Works Committee, while fully sympathising with the villagers in the matter, regards the roadline, as scheduled, to be the most convenient under the circumstances, having particular regard to the fact that the existing native path, which follows the creek will be incorporated in the road ; a reply in this sense is accordingly directed.

A letter from the Senior Consul is also read, forwarding a communication from the Taotai on the same subject The reply will be in similar terms as that to the petition received direct, with a further statement that compensation for the re-building of the houses affected will be upon a liberal scale.

Public Lighting.

Haining Road.—In pursuance of the scheme for the conversion of the general lighting of the Settlement from carbon to filament lamps the recommendation of the Engineer is approved as to the revision of the lights in this road east of North Szechuen Road. The new positions, shown on a plan submitted, involve 4 additional lamps, and the proposals in question are adopted.

Garden and Chekiang Road Bridges.

Statements are submitted of the total cost of these structures, expenditure upon which has been spread over three years, 1906/8, as follows :—

GARDEN BRIDGE.

Preliminary and General	Tls. 25,509.41
Plant and Tackle	35,831.20
Cofferdams	61,182.69
Pier and Abutments	69,672.74
Approaches	40,471.37
Superstructure	£17,429:8:9 + 6,986.26
	£17,429:8:9 + 239,655.67
Less Contribution by Tramway Co.	5,500
do. for temporary bridge	500
	—6000
	£11,429:8:9 + Tls.239.655.67

To the above may be added the sum of Tls. 4,390.50 paid to Mr. W. T. Evans in pursuance of the special vote of the Ratepayers.

CHEKIANG ROAD BRIDGE.

Preliminary and General	Tls. 12,104.44
Plant and Tackle	8,180.69
Cofferdams	41,382.28
Abutments	24,954.09
Approaches	9,078.43
Superstructure	£7,575:5:0 + 5,301.95
	7,575:5:0 + 101,001.88
Less Contribution by Tramway Co.	2,000
	£5,575:5:0 + Tls.101,001.88

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Electricity Department.

The minutes of the meeting of the Electricity Committee of March 2, are read and confirmed. There were present :—

Messrs. F. Anderson (*Chairman*)
J. Grant Mackenzie
H. W. Pilcher
The Electrical Engineer and
The Secretary.

The following are ordered for publication :—

Annual Report.—The Engineer's annual report has been in members' hands for some days, and is now approved for publication. The Chairman regards the document as interesting and well compiled considering its necessary technical character.

Accounts.—The Balance Sheet and Revenue Accounts are submitted in draft, and the following points calling for discussion are settled :—

(i) The Committee approves including the interest on the amount expended on land during the year as a capital charge, in accordance with the practice generally obtaining in public companies, although, in the Accountant's opinion, a sounder method would be to write the amount off against Net Revenue Account.

(ii) It is noted that two-thirds of the book value of the buildings pulled down during the year have been written off, the remainder representing the value of the old walls made use of in the new buildings.

In respect to the Estimates for 1909, submitted, the view is endorsed that they are rightly based on progress such as has taken place during the past year. It is further noted that by continuing the temporary loan and overdraft shown in the Accounts, the difference between capital expenditure proposed, on one side, and profit and depreciation, on the other, will be balanced. This transaction means the purchase of all new plant required without raising further debentures, a course which, having in view the probable extent of Municipal borrowings during 1909, will commend itself to the public.

Proceeding to the consideration of the estimate of Capital Expenditure in detail, the only point calling for special attention is the proposed purchase of a storage battery for £5,000. Reference to Mr. Preece's report, published last year, shows that he anticipated that this would be required at an earlier date, and the Engineer points out the advantages which will accrue from its installation, particularly in regard to the traction load. The Committee is of opinion that the purchase recommended is unquestionably advisable.

Sale of Lamps.—The text of the Resolution to be proposed at the Ratepayers' Meeting, authorising the resumption of the sale of lamps by the Council, is submitted and approved, the Chairman expressing the view that there is every reasonable probability that the good sense of the public will bring about the sanctioning of this step. The Engineer states that the principal contractors will meet him at an early date, and so enable him to show that there is no covert desire to re-embark upon Municipal trading, but merely, by securing the provision of efficient lamps to induce a more general adoption of electricity, and thus tend to the expansion of their business.

Health Department Notices.—The Council's permission for these notices to be affixed to the Electricity Department poles is noted.

The meeting adjourns at 6.40 p.m.

Notification of Infectious Disease.

The following have been reported during the week ending Sunday, March 7, 1909.	Death among Chinese population of 550,000	Cases notified among Non-Chinese population of 15,000.
Small-pox.	1	0
Cholera.	0	0
Typhoid Fever	—	3
Diphtheria.	0	0
Scarlet Fever.	0	0
Tuberculosis	16	0
Plague	0	0
Total Deaths from all Cases	117	5

ARTHUR STANLEY,
Health Officer.

Summary of Plague Prevention Work

during the week ending March 7, 1909.

	District			
	Eastern	Northern	Central	Western
Rats found dead and brought to the Laboratory for examination..	247	118	113	43
Rats plague infected	6	2	2	0
Traps in operation	660	354	660	340
Rats trapped and burnt	188	334	242	201
Poisoned baits laid.	19200	8338	61500	4429
Houses temporarily rat-proofed and disinfected under notice to occupier	171	120	96	59
Houses rat-proofed under notice to owners.....	0	0	0	0
Persons vaccinated against plague....	6	2	23	11

ARTHUR STANLEY,
Health Officer.

Public Band.

Public Performances.—The attendance on Sunday, March 7, numbered 636, and the Hall was emptied in 5 minutes.

The programme for Sunday, March 14, will be as follows:—

1.—Overture—"Jean de Paris" Boieldieu
2.—Hungarian Suite (1st movement) Hoffmann
3.—Selection—"La Bohême" Puccini

4.—Symphony—"Ländliche Hochzeit" Goldmark
(*b*) "Bridal Song"
(*c*) "Serenade"
(*d*) "In the Garden"
5.—Duet for Clarionet and Oboe, Messrs Schrader and Plemenik Hamm
6.—March—"La Damnation de Faust" Berlioz

Conductor-in-charge, Mr. R. BUCK.

Private Services.—The charge for the services of the Band is Tls. 40, and of a Half-Band, consisting of not less than 3 European and 12 Manila musicians, Tls. 25, per hour or part of an hour.

The services of a smaller number of musicians may be engaged at the rate of Tls. 3 per hour for European, and Tls. 1.50 per hour for Manila musicians. In a group numbering less than half the Band an extra fee of Tls. 1.5 per hour is charged for the services of the piano-player.

One rehearsal is permitted without fee, all subsequent rehearsals are charged for at half of the bove rates.

For the services of a soloist an additioanl fee of Tls. 25 is charged, inclusive of such rehearsals as are necdssary.

If special music is required special arrangements must bo made.

Engagments for more than three preformances during a season are subject to a reduction of 2 per cent, for more than twelve performances 4 per cent.

For Sunday performances, or servicee involving marching throngh the streets double rates are chared.

24 hours' notice is required for the cancellation of any engagement.

The cost of conveyance of musicians for distance beyond a radius of 1 mile from the Municipal officer, Kiangse Road, must defrayed by the persons engaging them.

The European musicians are allowed to give private music lessons, with the Conductor's permission obtained in each case.

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THE YANGKINGPANG.

The following reports relating to the project for culverting this creek, are ordered to be published for general information:—

DEFENCE

In the event of very serious trouble arising, it requires no technical military knowledge to realize that, whatever may be the inner or ultimate line of defence in other directions, the Yangkingpang and the Defence Creek form a natural and readily defensible line, for the heart of the Foreign Settlement, on the south and west. It is even conceivable that a last stand might be made in the quadrilateral formed by those waterways, the Soochow Creek, and the Whangpoo River.

Under no circumstances, therefore, can I recommend the neutralization of this advantage by culverting.

Should such a step be deemed advisable for other and apparently more cogent reasons, I am convinced that a very serious responsibility would be incurred, and some substitute, however inadequate, in the way of movable barriers, or obstacles, would have to be provided to enable the streets leading into the Sungkiang and Thibet Roads to be readily closed, at their southern and western ends respectively, on an emergency. Such a substitute would be very inadequate, but, in the absence of the Creeks, some such plan for the prompt closing of these streets would, I submit, be essential.

History affords us examples of how a narrow sunken road or street has enabled a handful of Europeans to keep at bay masses of ill-organized Orientals. I need mention only the Residency at Lucknow, and the Peking Legations in 1900. Where, therefore, as in Shanghai to-day, a natural obstacle exists as a defence to the vital portion of the Settlement, it cannot but be a grave military error to sacrifice the undoubted advantage its presence would give to the defenders.

The defence forces of the Settlement are not allowed to enter the French Settlement except in case of urgent need, and it is, therefore, very necessary to retain a clearly defined and readily defensible front in that direction. The French have no such clearly defined line between them and the Chinese City, and it is not inconceivable that they might be compelled to fall back on our line at the Yangkingpang.

In all street-fighting, or mob-fighting in towns, it is an axiom that the mob should be broken up and kept scattered, so that any cohesion and combination it may possess may be destroyed. The bridges over the Yangkingpang would have this effect on any mob attempting to rush this Settlement from the south, whereas a broad thoroughfare, such as would result from the culverting of the Creek, and the consequent merging into one of the Sungkiang Road, the culvert, and the Quai du Yangkingpang, would afford such a mob a means of re-union and mutual encouragement.

Again, in the event of riots in the French Settlement, the rioters would be very easily driven across a broad road such as in contemplation, and it would be far more difficult for our Defence Forces to prevent this, even if the streets were barricaded as suggested in para. 3, than it would be under existing circumstances, with the bridges to hold only. The value to a neutral of a frontier passable only at certain points was exemplified in the Franco-German War. Had the Swiss not possessed, and been able to hold, their eqnivalent for our bridges in the passes through their frontier, they would not have been able, as they were, to compel the surrender, and subsequent internment, of Bourbaki's Army at Verrières in the Val-de-Travers, but would have been forced to see the war carried into their own country.

The utmost limit to which this contemplated thoroughfare would be under fire from the river, and that only partially, is opposite No. 22 Quai du Yangkingpang, about sixty or seventy yards east of the Kiangse Road bridge.

The defence argument in favour of this scheme is that broad spaces are advantageous, in that the mob collects in them, and is then readily shot down. With the humanitarian aspect of this view I have no official concern, but, from a military point of view, and from the fact that many members of all mobs are curious but law-abiding citizens, I prefer the prevention of an early separation to such a violent cure. Moreover, the short and frequent curves which this road would possess would limit to a very great extent the field of fire obtainable in any portion of it.

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Our defence-line on the south must inevitably be the site now occupied by the Yangkingpang, whether the French Settlement is held or not. If the French Settlement is held, the Creek, in its present state, is of no tactical disadvantage to us. If the French Settlement is not held, the existence of this Creek would be of inestimable value.

It is said that there are more bad characters in the Foreign Settlement than there are in the City and the French Settlement, and that we need not, therefore, concern ourselves about keeping such out. This can hardly be called a serious argument, but in time of emergency it is important to possess the power to control and oversee egress as well as ingress.

The Yangkingpang is crossed by thirteen bridges. Of these, five could be rendered unserviceable, by means at our disposal, in a very short time : a sixth could be similarly dealt with after a little delay, leaving only seven for us to defend till further arrangements could be made for their destruction, if necessary.

The Defence Creek is crossed by six bridges, of which four could be speedily rendered useless, leaving two only to be held, pending definite arrangements for their destruction, if necessary.

I am forwarding a copy of this letter to the Captain-Superintendent of Police, in accordance with the last paragraph of your letter under reply.

A. A. S. Barnes,
Major,
Commandant of Volunteers.

Upon the whole I find myself in accord with the foregoing report. At the same time there is another aspect of the question. To talk of defending the Settlement in these days of modern long-range fire-arms by means of these two Creeks is mis-using the term "defence."

In the event of the Settlement being attacked, and its defenders being finally driven back into the area surrounded by the Defence Creek and Yangkingpang upon two sides, the fact of the Creek being there could exercise little if any effect upon the final issue.

Looking at the matter from the other point of view, namely, that of a local riot, there is a good deal to be said in favour of retaining the creeks as now. At the same time I am not aware that they exercised any hindrance to the influx of the rioters during the disorders which occurred in 1905.

With regard to the use of these creeks, especially the Yangkingpang, as a main thoroughfare: the advantages considering all of the circumstances would, in my opinion, almost outweigh the objections which can be urged against so making use of them.

C. D. Bruce,
Captain-Superintendent of Police.

TRAFFIC

Provided that it be linked up with the Eastern end of the Weihaiwei Road the culverting of the Yangkingpang and its transformation by this means into a broad thoroughfare will practically solve one of the chief traffic problems of this Settlement, namely, that connected with vehicular communication between the Bund and the Western District.

One of the main disturbing factors in dealing with traffic upon the Bund has, in the past, been to get rid of the mid-day outflow from the Shanghai Club (old site). Since the inauguration of the Tramways the difficulty has vastly increased.

Should the Yangkingpang become a thoroughfare and as it must to be of permanent value, the Foreign Settlement branch be carried through south of the Race-course to connect with the Weihaiwei Road, the congestion on the Bund at or about mid-day would be entirely disposed of. In addition to this, the proposed thoroughfare will undoubtedly draw from the Nanking Road a very large proportion of the through carriage and motor-car traffic going east and west, leaving only such vehicular traffic as may be classed under the general head of ladies' shopping.

If the above surmise be correct, a further advantage to be gained will be that the Nanking Road should again become a possible route for foreign pedestrians.

From the point of view of the importance of traffic conditions in the Settlement, I strongly recommend the culverting of the Yangkingpang to make it a main thoroughfare, at the same time I am not in a position to say that the advantages to be gained are in any way commensurate with the expense to be incurred.

C. D. Bruce,
Captain-Superintendent of Police.

FINANCE

From the Bund to some distance past the Szechuen Road there are already foreign houses on both sides of the Yangkingpang, some of which have only recently been erected and some are still unoccupied, and from that point to the end of the creek there are ordinary native houses.

The replacement of the native houses on the Sungkiang Road with foreign shops, etc., would, of course, considerably enhance the assessed value both of houses and land in the locality. At the same time I am of opinion that no immediate increase of revenue would result. There are at the present moment so many houses suitable for offices and residences, untenanted that if new houses were built and occupied in the Sungkiang Road it would simply mean that more premises in other localities would be vacated.

As pointed out in my annual report there are now sufficient buildings in the Settlement to supply the demand for office accommodation for some years, unless some unexpected increase in population takes place.

The new road will no doubt ultimately lead to some increase in the valuation of adjoining lots, but not to any very great extent, as, having already a road frontage, the values of land in the locality are now fairly high.

When the question of the Yangkingpang was under discussion in 1902 the property owners did not favour the culverting scheme, and it is hardly likely that, at the present less prosperous season, they will be anxious to lay out the necessary capital for the development of their properties.

I would further mention that there are several large native lodging-houses and smaller shops along the creek which depend to a certain extent upon the creek for landing passengers and cargo. In the event of the creek being culverted

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Nanking, Huangtu, Anding, Kunshan, Taicntung, Soochow, Wuxih, Changchow, Tanyang and Chinkiang	Train	8.30 & 11	
Kiatinghsien via Nansiang	Hongboat	7.45	
Shatow Ku, Facheng, Taitsang via Kunshan	Hongboat	7.45	
Changchow Ku, via Wuxih	Hongboat	7.45	
Changchen Ku, via Soochow	Foot-boat	7.45	
Tsungming and Paoshen	Steam Launch	8.30	
Sungkiangfu, Chuking and Fengking	Steam Launch	8.45	
Peiengchen	Steam Launch		2.00
Chengyen, Tinglin, Chwangkiahang, Changlientang via Sunkiangfu	Hongboat	8.45	
Sinchang and Fengsien	Hongboat	9.00	
Paiholkang, Tsingpu and Chukaikio	Steam Launch	9.00	
Chu-ku via Tsingpu	Hongboat	9.00	
Woosung	Train	9.30	2.30

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Siashih (Hazeh)	Steam Launch		3.00
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the assessed value of some of these houses may even be reduced by the removal of what is after all a fairly navigable waterway.

A temporary loss of revenue might also have to be met during the culverting and re-building operations.

Another point that cannot be overlooked is the fact that if the proposed road is carried through (from the Bund to the Cemetery Road Bridge) the result will be that while the benefit to property owners and residents in the French extension in having an additional broad avenue leading to their houses, will be immense, the new road will be of very little use to people living on the Bubbling Well and adjoining roads, unless other roads are either opened up or widened to give improved access to the Western District. Except for those living in the small section of the Western District south of the Weihaiwei Road, residents will have to go at least a mile out of their way in order to make use of the new road as a means of access to their offices in the Central District.

It is difficult to make any calculations as to the probable difference in valuation of house property which would result from the development of the locality until more information is forthcoming as to the class of property to be built, and I do not think the Council can look for any noticeable increase of revenue from this source, at least not for several years to come. In short, from a financial point of view I consider that the increased taxation to be derived from any improved class of buildings would not for many years cover the interest on the cost of the undertaking, unless a considerable contribution were forthcoming from the landowners concerned.

A. JOHNSFORD,
Overseer of Taxes.

PUBLIC HEALTH

From a sanitary point of view the one advantage that would result from culverting the Yangkingpang would be the bottling up of its present offensiveness. Adequate bunding on the French side and cleaning out would, however, largely ameliorate its condition at trivial cost compared with that of efficient culverting.

On the other hand many sanitary disadvantages would result from culverting, namely:

1.—Any diminution of the Yangkingpang by a culvert would result in lessened tidal flushing over the large area which it drains.

2.—When it becomes necessary to culvert creeks, as is the case when they cease to be flushed daily by the tide, the right way is to begin at the upper end. Many good creeks have been spoiled by culverting lower down, which has led to accumulation of stagnant water and sewage with all its attendant evils. To culvert the Yangkingpang is to begin at the wrong end of the drainage system. Moreover, as long as the Yangkingpang is flushed daily by the tide, culverting is not required for sanitary purposes.

3.—More than a hundred sewers empty into the Yangkingpang. If covered in, the sewer gas, which is at present dissipated at the several points of discharge, would be bottled up and driven back into the heart of the Settlement during high tides. It does not follow that if the Yangkingpang were shut out of sight there would be any radical amelioration but rather a condition of widespread and insidious nuisance.

4.—Culverting would not do away with silting up of mud and filth. The removal of silt would be difficult and costly as compared with the cleansing of the bed of the open creek, which, though neglected for many years, is comparatively easy of accomplishment.

5.—The Yangkingpang provides a well situated and secluded spot for loading night-soil and garbage into boats. Culverting would necessitate these offensive materials being carried across the Nanking Road to the Soochow Creek—an unpleasant proceeding, which would require increased labour and still further accentuate the already over-congested condition of the Soochow Creek.

ARTHUR STANLEY,
Health Officer.

PUBLIC WORKS

The estimated cost of culverting the Yangkingpang including the filling, completely making up of the roads and footways, and connecting all existing sewers will amount to Tls. 408,500.

In order to make the proposed joint thoroughfare available for the purposes of the traffic of this Settlement, it will be necessary to—

	Tls.
(*a*) Acquire certain land and buildings on scheduled road extensions, at the junction of the Yangkingpang and Defence Creeks, at an estimated cost of	89,000
(*b*) To culvert the Defence Creek as far as Nanking Road, including filling and completely making up the roads and foot-ways, estimated at ...	91,000
(*c*) To acquire land for widening Pakhoi Road to sixty feet, including construction, from Hoopeh Road to Thibet Road, estimated at	146,500

The total estimated cost, therefore, of the scheme to this Municipality for culverting the Yangkingpang, assuming that the French Municipal Council is still willing to pay half the cost, would be as follows:—

	Tls.
Half cost of the actual culverting, etc., and making road over	204,250
Cost of necessary Contingent Works, enumerated above.	326,500
Tls. ...	530,750

The figures for the Yangkingpang are based on a culvert four metres by two metres as suggested by the Engineer to the French Council in 1902. The Defence Creek culvert would be six feet in diameter as far as the Nanking Road Bridge.

The proposed width of the Defence Creek road would be eighty feet and the Pakhoi Road would be widened from forty to sixty feet.

It may be argued that with the Pakhoi Road connection with the proposed Defence Creek Road, the short section of the culverting of the Defence Creek between the Yangkingpang and Pakhoi Road would not be necessary, but a glance at the map will shew that the omission of this section would cause a bad hiatus in a road which will afford an additional route from the Nanking Road to the southern part of the Western District via the Chang Pang Road now being culverted and formed. The road will also furnish an alternative route (tramway or otherwise) to the terminus of the Hangchow Railway when the southern connections now in progress are finally completed.

The point then to be most carefully considered is whether the actual benefit to be obtained by the Ratepayers of this Settlement warrants an expenditure of Tls. 530,750, together with the cost of subsequent maintenance.

It may be said that the culverting of the Yangkingpang and the forming of a wide thoroughfare has always been a popular idea, and there is no doubt that in any city in the world the laying out of a thoroughfare of the dimensions now proposed—nearly a mile in length by one hundred feet in breadth—would be considered a very fine "improvement." There are very few streets in London, such as Northumberland Avenue, Victoria Embankment and Parliament Street, which exceed sixty feet in width between the kerbs. The new street

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"Kingsway" between Holborn and the Strand is sixty feet in width between the kerbs and 100 feet in width over all.

In studying this question the general lines of the Settlement and surrounding districts should be most carefully considered. There is no doubt that a study of the plan, submitted herewith, without local knowledge and under the impression that the whole district was under one control, might lead to the conclusion that the proposed thoroughfare would be of equal benefit to the entire area, situated as it would be almost mid-way between the Soochow Creek and a line (C. D.) drawn from west to east along the southern arms of the French Settlement and across the centre of the Chinese City. Unfortunately, however, control is divided and the business area is to all intents and purposes situated entirely *north* of the proposed new road, so that instead of having this magnificent thoroughfare running east and west in the heart of the business quarter and serving the area north and south of it, equally, it would be situated on the *extreme south* of the Foreign Settlement —*the very worst position possible for feeding the area north of the Yangkingpang*. Traffic for the area north of the Foochow and Weihaiwei Roads would naturally follow the Nanking and Bubbling Well Roads. It may be noted that the distance from the junction of the Yangkingpang and the Bund (marked B on plan herewith) the extreme south-east corner of this Settlement to the Loong-fei Bridge (marked A) viâ the Bund and Nanking Road, is actually shorter than by way of the new roads to be formed along the Yangkingpang and Defence Creeks.

The line hatched red on the plan herewith, approximately following the Weihaiwei and Foochow Roads, clearly shows the northern limit, of the area which would be served by the new road. It will be noticed that so far as this Settlement is concerned the area would be very limited, even taking into consideration the forming of new subsidiary roads along Pakhoi Road and the Defence Creek. The red hatching also shows the area *south* of the Yangkingpang, which would be materially benefitted by the proposed culverting. the connexion along the Defence Creek with the Avenue Paul Brunat being shown by a red dotted line.

In regard to drainage, it is impossible to say that the general body of Ratepayers north of the Yangkingpang would be benefitted by the proposed culverting. Instead of the numerous drains of the southern half of the Central District discharging into a creek with free and independent openings to the external air, flushed by a very large volume of tidal water coming up the Yangkingpang, they would discharge into a comparatively small culvert which would be carrying a very large portion of the drainage of the French Settlement and the hinterland, which owing to various causes (such as the existence of water-closets) would be very foul. The Defence Creek south of the Avenue Paul Brunat has already been culverted by the French Council, and the remaining portion south of the French Settlement is being filled in and sewered with small circular tubes by the Chinese Authorities in order to form a through road to St. Catherine's Bridge on Siccawei Road. *This means that in the event of the Yangkingpang being culverted there will be direct underground sewer communication between the very filthy creeks surrounding the Chinese City and our Central District sewers.* However, well ventilated the culvert might be, our sewers could not be maintained in their present satisfactory condition. Briefly, the main drainage outlet, draining the large areas *south* of the Yangkingpang would be moved from the junction of the Defence Creek and Yangkingpang to the mouth of the Yangkingpang (B), and the culvert carrying this sewage together with the drainage of the southern portion of our Central District would discharge its contents on the Bund front, in a very concentrated form.

The culverting of the creek might benefit the adjoining owners in this Settlement to a certain extent, as it would enable foreign properties to be built with a southern frontage along a fine thoroughfare, perhaps from the Bund to Honan Road, but the increased revenue obtained from the enhanced taxation would not benefit the general body of Ratepayers.

The creek certainly is very offensive at present at certain states of the tide, but this is owing to the want of cleaning and the bad condition of the bottom, which could be remedied to a great extent by means of proper inverting.

The excision of two miles of water frontage along the Yangkingpang is an important matter, and it is hard to say where all the water-borne traffic would be diverted. It looks as if the water frontage of this Settlement (already overcrowded) would have to take the bulk of it, with consequent long and more costly cartage across our streets, mostly from the Soochow Creek to the French Settlement, causing increased wear and tear on our already overburdened cross-roads, further crowding, and no contributions towards upkeep.

The main idea, apparently, so far as this Settlement is concerned, in suggesting the culverting of the Yangkingpang, is to provide additional facilities for the traffic going west from the Northern and Central Districts to the Western District area. The plan submitted herewith clearly shows that the proposed road will benefit a very small area of this Settlement. Traffic north of Foochow Road will certainly not come down to the Yangkingpang to reach places *north* of Weihaiwei Road. The proposed road would be more useful to this Settlement if the Pakhoi Road connexion shown by a dotted red line, could be extended by means of a viaduct, or otherwise, across the Public Recreation Ground and connected with the Bubbling Well Road. There is not much possibility of this, however, unless the Recreation Ground becomes a Public Park and then a road at ground level might be arranged without much interference. The desirability of such a connexion is very obvious.

To expend nearly half a million taels for the purpose of merely bottling up the noxious gases in a comparatively small culvert in order to do away with the smells from the creek (which although admittedly unpleasant are not injurious to health) would be a manifest waste of the Ratepayers' money on both sides of the Yangkingpang, so that the matter really resolves itself into a question of traffic accommodation only.

In regard to the area *south* of the Yangkingpang the case, from a traffic point of view, is altogether different. The present access from the river front to the land at the rear is not at all satisfactory, and a magnificent thoroughfare 100 feet in width, directly connecting the central business quarter of the Settlement with the fine trunk roads already laid out would appreciate the value of the surrounding land very considerably. There would be first-class access for all time, and there is no doubt that land-owners concerned will strongly support the scheme.

The more closely the whole question is gone into the more it becomes apparent that the proposed scheme will be of very little benefit to the general body of Ratepayers of the Settlement north of the Yangkingpang. The expenditure of Tls. 530,750 (the total estimated cost to the Ratepayers of this Settlement to make the scheme of moderate use) may benefit the fortunate few, but in the writer's opinion such a large expenditure is entirely out of proportion to the advantages to be gained, more especially in the present state of the Community's affairs, when there is so much urgent work to be done and so comparatively little money to do it with.

So far as the traffic is concerned, the linking up of the two tramway systems at the Bund may materially alter existing conditions, and the Peking Road now being widened will constitute with the Sinza Road a useful alternative westward outlet.

CHAS. MAYNE,
M. Inst. C.E.
Engineer & Surveyor.

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AT the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, March 10, 1909, at 4.30 p m., there are present:

Messrs. D. Landale (*Chairman*)
W. D. Little
H. A. J. Macray
R. S. F. McBain
J. H. McMichael
O. Meuser
W. A. C. Platt
J. Prentice
The Secretary and
Assistant Secretary.

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

The minutes of the last meeting are read, confirmed, signed by the Chairman and passed for publication.

Ratepayers' Meeting.

With regard to the Resolutions proposed for adoption at the forthcoming Meeting the following points are noted:—

Resolution VII. The Yangkingpang.—Considerable discussion ensues on the subject of the proposal to culvert the Yangkingpang, and while Messrs. McBain and McMichael record their approval of the scheme, the vote of Messrs. Prentice and Macray is against the resolution as it stands, since these members, while in favour of culverting, are of opinion that the present financial position does not warrant the outlay. The remaining members are in opposition to the culverting scheme on its own merits, and upon the grounds that the advantage to be gained by the Foreign Settlement is very small.

The majority of the Council is thus opposed to the Resolution, and it is finally decided that the Chairman when addressing the Ratepayers shall announce that he speaks only for that majority.

Resolution VIII. Settlement Extension.—The Consular Body forwards copies of correspondence with the Viceroy on this subject with a request for the Council's further opinion. These letters have already been made public, and the Council decides to defer reply until after the Ratepayers' Meeting, when the matter will receive treatment at the hands of its successors in office.

Resolution IX. Sale of Electric Lamps.—A report by the Electrical Engineer is submitted as a result of his recent meeting with the contractors concerned in this business. While concurring in the proposal that the Council's purchases of lamps shall be made, after calling for public tenders, through one or other of the local firms interested, the members consider the further suggestion to resell to local contractors at cost price, while charging 10 per cent higher for sales to the public, to be undesirable.

The Electrical Engineer will acquaint the contractors with the Council's views on these points, at an early date.

Resolution XI. Volunteer Drill Hall.—Amended wording for this Resolution is forwarded by Mr. Trueman, making clear that the proposed new Volunteer establishment will consist of a Drill Hall and Headquarters, and that the sum mentioned, Tls. 100,000, does not purport to represent its whole cost. The Council, while not entirely opposed to the suggested scheme, decides to point out again that its policy for many years has been directed towards the concentration of the municipal headquarters at the Central Offices in Kiangse Road, to which end the purchase of the complete block is gradually proceeding. The opinion obtains that plans and proposals for the re-building of this block, should be undertaken during the coming year.

Resolution XIV. Qualifications for membership of Council.—The following letter from Mr. E. S. Little, giving cover to this Resolution, is ordered for publication with reply as directed:—

Shanghai, March 5, 1909.

DEAR SIR —I beg to give you notice that the enclosed resolution will be moved and seconded at the forthcoming Ratepayers' meeting. I shall be glad if you would be so good as to place it immediately after the resolution that the reports and accounts be passed. I think you will recognise that I have the right to move this in the form of an amendment under the resolution passing the reports and accounts if I so desire. If you will give it the position I request I will refrain from moving an amendment and thus save the time of the meeting.

Yours faithfully,

EDWARD S. LITTLE.

The SECRETARY,
Municipal Council.

Council Room,
Shanghai, March 11, 1909.

SIR,—I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of March 5, communicating the text of a Resolution to be brought forward at the Annual Meeting of Ratepayers on March 17 on the subject of the qualifications for membership of the Council.

In reply to your request that this Resolution be placed after that relating to the Municipal Report and Accounts, I am to state that, in view of the subjects already claiming public attention at this Meeting, the Council is not prepared to amend the sequence of the published Resolutions in the sense you desire.

It appears to the Council that whether the proposal contained in this Resolution is an expression of doubt as to the construction of Article XIX of the Land Regulations, or a proposal to amend that Article, the matter requires reference to the Foreign Consuls and local Chinese authorities, as provided in Article XXVIII, and is not therefore one which a Resolution can determine.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

E. S. LITTLE, Esq.

Resolution XV. Meetings of Council.—A further Resolution is announced by Mr. H. D. Hutchison, providing that meetings of the Council be open to all electors entitled to vote, and it is decided to meet this proposal with an unqualified negative, for reasons similar to those recorded last year in reply to a proposal to admit representatives of the Press.

Volunteers.

Reserve Company.—Upon the recommendation of the Commandant, the commission of Captain G. R. Wingrove is authorized for renewal.

Police.

Rank of Captain-Superintendent.—Reply from the War Office is read to the Council's application on this subject, and it is noted with satisfaction that the Army Council has approved, as a special case, of the local rank of Colonel being granted to Major (Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel) C. D. Bruce, while holding the appointment of Captain-Superintendent of Police. A notification of the same will be published in the London Gazette.

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The Army Council, however, points out that the grant of this rank to Lieutenent-Colonel Bruce will, as regards his authority or command over the Shanghai Volunteers, be limited to the occasions on which the land defence forces at Shanghai are called out, for the purpose of repressing riot or civil disturbance. Under other conditions it is considered that it would not be expedient for the Captain-Superintendent of Police to exercise any authority or control over the Commandant of the Shanghai Volunteers in the performance of his duties with that force.

Foreign Branch. — Constable E. Adams is dismissed the Force with effect from March 10 for continued drunkenness and disorderly conduct.

Boxing Contests

A letter from the Captain of H.M.S. "Astraea" is read, proposing to hold a boxing match between an able seaman of that ship, and a fireman of U.S.S. "Wilmington." The Watch Committee has no objection to this exhibition glove fight provided the arrangements are under the control of the Police, and that the officers of the ships concerned accept responsibility for the discipline of the men landed to witness the contest. With regard to the prohibitive decision on this subject in 1903, it is recorded that the granting of this application under special conditions must not be regarded otherwise than as a special exception

Salt Monopoly.

Police reports on this subject are submitted, from which, with other evidence obtained from the native newspapers, it is clear that the Governor of Chekiang is taking active steps for the establishment of a government monopoly for the sale of salt within Settlement limits. The Taotai appears to have pointed out to him that the establishment of official stations in the Settle- would be opposed by the foreign authorities, and that his proclamation, which has been privately issued to 12 shops and which has the nature of a licence, will be held to require foreign consular seals. It is decided to communicate the whole of the facts within the Council's knowledge to the Consular Body, with the request that an official inquiry may be made as to what is being done in this matter, and referring to the fact that the Settlement area is exempt from all such forms of indirect taxation.

It is decided, also, to issue a native notice to the effect that the Settlement is free of all salt tax, and that no restrictions whatever are placed upon the sale within its limits.

Mixed Court.

German Assessor. — A letter from Mr. Schirmer, dated March 4, informs the Council of his return to Shanghai, and that he has resumed the duties of German Assessor at the Court.

Native Inquests.—The Senior Consul forwards copies of correspondence with the Taotai on this subject, from which it is noted that steps are being taken to put these necessary judicial enquiries on a more satisfactory basis. The earlier correspondence to which reference is made in the Senior Consul's letter, is set forth on page 41 of the Annual Report.

Council Room,

Shanghai, February 22, 1909.

Sir,—With reference to my letter of June 29, 1908, on the subject of native inquests, to which up to the present I have received no reply, I have now the honour to enquire whether any steps are possible to put these very necessary judicial enquiries upon a more satisfactory basis.

In October last the text of what purported to be a despatch from the Taotai to yourself appeared in the native press, and a translation of the document was published in the Municipal Gazette of October 29. Therein the Taotai states that the procedure for holding inquests is observed by the Shanghai Magistrate without exception. This, however, is shewn in frequent instances to be far from the case.

Some light has now been thrown on the matter as a result of enquiries made in connexion with the dead body of a native boy, which was found on February 5 in an alleyway leading from Kiukiang Road. I therefore enclose a copy of the Police Report on the case, and have the honour to express the earnest hope that some steps may be taken to remedy the state of affairs which it discloses.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,
David Landale,
Chairman.

D. Siffert, Esq.,
Consul-General for Belgium,
and Senior Consul.

POLICE REPORT.

On February 5 the dead body of a native boy, aged about six months, was found by Chinese Constable No. 700 in a basket in an alleyway off the Kinkiang Road, and was sent to the Mortuary.

The Tipao functioning in the district, Dong Kwei Zien, was informed and requested by the Police to report the case to the City Magistrate in the usual way.

He refused to do so, stating that he would get into trouble for reporting such an insignificant case, and would have to pay $4 to the City runner.

He stated that the last time he did so, he suffered severely from a pecuniary point of view and is now at the end of his resources.

He said that every time the Magistrate holds an inquest it costs him personally more than $10 in "squeezes" paid to yamen runners, chair bearers and others. To simply report a death involves an expenditure of several dollars for the petition and for entry with it into the yamen.

In former times he admits that notwithstanding extortions of this sort he could make a good living owing to his commission on land and other property bought and sold; but since times have been bad he has been reduced to pawning or selling nearly all his private effects.

He would give up his office if he could, but nobody can be found to take it; and should he do so without permission and without properly handing it over to his successor, he would be severely punished by the Authorities.

Finally, he offers to go willingly to the Mixed Court, and suffer, under foreign supervision, whatever pains and penalties may there be meted out to him: he declines absolutely, however, to face the City Magistrate with the report of a small and insignificant corpse in his hand, for the simple reason that having no funds wherewith to meet the demands he knows would be imposed upon him, his position would be far worse than that which his present non-compliance with orders involves.

I have gone rather fully into the matter and have no doubt that what he says is true. In any case a deadlock is reached, and, so far as this particular tipao is concerned, things are likely to remain in that condition.

In the meanwhile the corpse of the child which has brought matters to a head is lying in the Mortuary.

A. Hilton-Johnson,
Assistant Superintendent.

Forwarded

C. D. Bruce,
Captain-Superintendent of Police.

February 9, 1909.

Shanghai, February, 27, 1909.

Sir,— I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of February 22, following that of June 29 which induced us to initiate negotiations with the Chinese authorities in order to have the question of native inquests put upon a more satisfactory basis.

In reply to our letter of September 8 the Taotai only admitted that the proposed change in the procedure be followed in case the Chinese concerned is in foreign employ, the text of his letter being similar to that published by the native press, and thereafter by the Municipal Gazette of October 29. I beg to enclose herewith for your information copy of the further letters exchanged on the subject, and we are now addressing the Taotai again, reiterating our suggestion that the procedure for this class of judicial enquiries be changed in all case, and supporting it with the facts exposed in your last letter.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,
D. Siffert,
Consul-General for Belgium,
and Senior Consul.

D. Landale, Esq.,
Chairman, Municipal Council.

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Shanghai, October 6, 1908.

SIR,—I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of September 29, with regard to enquiries to be held in cases of violent or mysterious death, by which you state that the practice proposed by the Consular Body can only be adopted as far as the case is one of a Chinese in the employ of a foreigner.

I beg to let you know, in reply, that the Consular Body while agreeing to your proposal as stated above, and thanking you for presenting it, deems it most desirable, that you would further agree to an external examination being held in all cases.

The Consular Body express the hope that you will agree to their views, showing thus that you as well as the Consular Body have only in view to assure a most equitable and enlightened administration of justice.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,
D. SIFFERT,
Consul-General for Belgium, and Senior Consul.

H. E. Ts'AI NAI HUANG,
Shanghai Taotai.

Translation of letter from the Taotai to the Senior Consul, dated October 24, 1908.

The Taotai has hereby to reply that he is in receipt of the Senior Consul's communication on the subject of inquests saying that the Taotai having given his consent to the Consular Body's request proposing that as a compromise in procedure, in cases of death where the deceased is in the employ of foreigners each side should depute an official mutually to conduct an inquest; and that the Consular Body is exceedingly gratified and impressed at this concession; that, however, the desires of the Consular Body go still further, for they much wish the Taotai also to approve of mutual inquests in cases of death of all kinds, that is to say, either in cases of persons in the employ of foreigners, or in cases wherein foreigners are not affected: and that the Consular Body earnestly hopes for the Taotai's assent to proceed in accordance with this request, in order that in all cases dealt with justice may be preserved, and there may not be the least partiality.

The Taotai on receipt of this communication has to observe that inquests in cases of death of Chinese in the Shanghai Settlement should revert to the Shanghai City Magistrate. In the "Regulations Relating to the Establishment of an Official North of the Yangkingpang"*, there is contained a special section which cannot, to start with, be in the least changed. On receipt nevertheless of the former letter discussing the matter, the Taotai agreed that the procedure with reference to cases of death among foreigners' servants and Chinese whose services are employed by foreigners, should be somewhat altered, and this was outside the terms of the Treaty and a compromise. Now, however, having received your letter, it is found on consideration to be in disagreement with the standing rules, and the Taotai would have difficulty in assenting thereto. He has therefore to reply accordingly, and trust that the Senior Consul will take note informing the Consular Body in this sense.

*(i.e. The Mixed Court Rules of 1869.)

Plague Prevention.

The Health Officer reports plague foci, i.e. places where plague-infected rats have been found, at the junction of the Kaifeng and North Thibet Roads, and in the neighbourhood of the East Kashing, Wuchow and Harbin Roads, both closely adjoining Settlement limits; at his suggestion it is decided to notify the Chinese Authorities, so as to afford an opportunity for the adoption of preventive measures in the insanitary districts beyond the boundary:—

Council Room,
Shanghai, March 11, 1909.

SIR.—I have the honour to request that a further communication may be addressed to the native authorities on the subject of Plague Prevention, stating that the Heath Department, in the course of its duties, has discovered two plague centres, evidenced by the existence of plague-infected rats, closely adjoining the boundary of the Settlement viz., at the junction of the Kaifeng and North Thibet Roads and in the neighbourhood of the East Kashing Wuchow and Harbin Roads.

My letter of April 3 last year and other communications to the Consular Body will already have carried conviction of the entire absence of sanitary precautions in the neighbourhood immediately north of the Settlement, and the scant attention which the Council's representations on the subject of Plague appear to have received at the hands of of the Taotai give grounds for the apprehension that he will fail to realise any need for the prompt action which the possibility of plague becoming endemic in these districts urgently requires.

The Council hastens therefore to request that the Consular Body will spare no pains to bring home to the Taotai the responsible situation in which he is placed, and to impress upon him the need for energetic sanitary measures.

In conclusion, I have the honour to add that these representations on the Council's part are actuated both by anxiety for the safety of the Settlement, which no degree of care or forethought can protect against an outbreak of Plague beyond its limits, and by the wish to give the native authorities timely warning, in the hope that they will appreciate the risk to which the community is exposed by inaction on their part.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,
DAVID LANDALE,
Chairman.

D. SIFFERT, Esq.,
Consul-General for Belgium,
and Senior Consul.

Public School.

With reference to the School Committee's decision to obtain the services of an assistant master to teach French, it is noted that Mr. A. R. Cavalier, recently appointed by Mr. C. S. Addis in London, arrived and entered upon his duties on March 6.

The meeting adjourns at 7.00 p.m.

Notification of Infectious Disease.

The following have been reported during the week ending Sunday, March 14, 1909.	Deaths among Chinese population of 550,000	Cases notified among Non-Chinese population of 15,000.
Small-pox.	0	0
Cholera.	0	0
Typhoid Fever.	—	2
Diphtheria.	0	0
Scarlet Fever.	0	0
Tuberculosis.	15	0
Plague	0	0
Beri-Beri	—	3
Total Deaths from all Causes	107	2

ARTHUR STANLEY,
Health Officer.

Summary of Plague Prevention Work during the week ending March 14, 1909.

	District			
	Eastern	Northern	Central	Western
Rats found dead and brought to the Laboratory for examination..	209	179	116	44
Rats plague infected	6	4	0	0
Traps in operation	550	299	840	430
Rats trapped and burnt	76	270	234	193
Poisoned baits laid.	21242	39492	11400	4530
Houses temporarily rat-proofed and disinfected under notice to occupier.	156	138	79	52
Houses rat-proofed under notice to owners.....	0	0	0	0
Persons vaccinated against plague....	20	18	10	13

ARTHUR STANLEY,
Health Officer.

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Public Band.

Public Performances.—The attendance on Sunday, March 14, numbered 610, and the Hall was emptied in 5 minutes.

The programme for Sunday, March 21, will be as follows:—

1.—Overture—"Coriolan" Beethoven
2.—Rondino for wind instruments Beethoven
3.—Finale from Symphony No. 2 Beethoven

4.—Overture.—"A Midsummer Night's Dream" Mendelssohn
5.—Selection—"Lohengrin" Wagner
6.—Hungarian Rhapsody No. 1 Liszt

Conductor-in charge, Mr. R. Buck.

Health Officer's Report for February.

Small-pox is still conspicuous by its almost complete absence. Enquiry into the origin of a notified case of Small-pox enabled Inspector Kilner to trace it to some patients of a Chinese doctor inoculating Small-pox. The doctors inoculating are reported as coming, during the inoculating season, from Ningpo; the fee for inoculating varying from one to three dollars a head. The Chinese have practised inoculation of mild Small-pox as a protection against severe Small-pox from a time long preceding Jennerian vaccination. The principles of vaccination, indeed, had their origin in the East. Inoculation is done by inserting into the patient's nose a Small-pox scab taken from a person who has had a mild attack of Small-pox. It produces Small-pox, as a rule mild but occasionally severe and fatal; and always as infectious as ordinary Small-pox and just as liable to cause epidemic. Inspector Kilner, therefore, brought the native doctor to the Mixed Court where he was cautioned by the Magistrate, who told him that inoculation must in this Settlement give place to modern vaccination. The magistrate deserves the thanks of the community for taking this enlightened view—a view for which we have been anxiously waiting for a long time; and which, will help to remove an annually recurring cause of Small-pox epidemic.

There have been no human cases of Plague, but the position as regards rats remains practically unaltered. The work already inaugurated has been further organized with the exception of that required of owners to rat-proof houses as far as possible as a permanent measure against Plague. The trapping of rats in Plague foci has been supplemented by general poisoning throughout the districts most affected. Close on 124,000 poisoned baits have been laid in the Settlement during the month and, as each bait suffices to kill a rat and as a good proportion of the baits are known to have been taken, a considerable temporary reduction in the rat population may be safely concluded. The poison found most effectual has been 2 per cent of yellow phosphorus in animal tallow, flour and syrup, flavoured with oil of anise. Poisoning has been found one of the best means of detecting badly built and insanitary houses, as the rats die in the hollow spaces and make their presence felt, so that the hollow spaces have to be removed or made inaccessible to rats. It is, however, better to allow poisoned rats to die in these hollow spaces and have them properly attended to, than that rats should die of Plague in the same hollow spaces and become a source of dangerous infection difficult of eradication.

As in the matter of mosquito extermination there seems to be a general desire for something more than the plodding work of the last ten years, a summary of the subject may prove instructive and perhaps useful. No one, more than a Health Officer, can welcome any popular movement against mosquitoes. It is the apathy of the public regarding matters of hygiene that makes sanitary work so difficult. Those who have known Shanghai for more than ten years will be able to appreciate how much has been done by doing away with stagnant water, raising low land and by drainage to minimise the mosquito nuisance and with it the prevalence of malaria. Whatever else may now be attempted, the work of eliminating stagnant water will remain of most permanent value.

Of the 500 kinds of mosquitoes but four are met with in Shanghai. For those who wish to know more about the varieties of mosquito and their habits met with locally it will not be necessary for them to await the arrival of the 'expert from Port Said' for the information will be most readily given at the Health Office, where the matter has been rather fully investigated.

Almost any collection of water will serve as a nursery for the larvæ (early stage of development) unless there be a considerable current such as is occasioned by tide flushing of creeks, but the places preferred during the breeding season are small stagnant pools and domestic collections of water, such as are contained in kongs, broken crockery, empty tins, etc., while wintering larvæ prefer the large ponds, especially those with sufficient vegetation to afford protection from their numerous enemies. The variety of the Stegomyia, and to a less extent of the Anopheles species, which occur locally, prefer the fairly clean water of ponds, while the Culex fatigans luxuriates also in dilute sewage and other foul waters. But it would occupy too much space to go into detail, and all that the sanitary amateur need remember in this connexion is that any and every collection of water, capable of standing for ten days or a fortnight, should be regarded as a propagator of mosquitoes.

With regard to the destruction of mosquitoes, except in the case of foreigners who live in houses surrounded by very large gardens, individual action would be of little use. As most foreign houses have Chinese houses in their immediate vicinity no measure, which is not general and applicable to Chinese and foreign dwellings and their surroundings alike, would be productive of any marked improvement on present methods. The mosquito seldom strays more than a quarter of a mile from the water in which it has passed its larval youth, though a gentle breeze, such as the summer monsoon in Shanghai, may carry it a good deal further.

Measures for destroying mosquitoes are almost entirely taken during the aquatic stage of their existence, i.e., against the larvæ or wrigglers.

As a preliminary measure all domestic rubbish capable of holding water, such as pots, kongs, empty tins and unconsidered vessels of the kind should be carefully sought out, emptied and, if possible, removed. Any ponds, ditches or larger collections of water should either be filled in or drained. Garden wells kept for watering gardens and native wells are prolific sources of mosquitoes, which should be done away with, if possible. Collections of stagnant water that cannot be done away with should be dealt with by oiling with petroleum. Ornamental garden ponds and lakes are better filled in but may be kept fairly free from mosquito larvæ by having plenty of little fish, including gold fish, in them; provided the margins are kept neatly trimmed. When sprinkled on water paraffin spreads out into a thin film, so that a small quantity will cover a considerable area. A three-gallon tin, for example, contains enough to cover an area of 100 yards each way, though it may be a day or two before the oil reaches all parts of such a space. The cheaper and commoner the oil the better it is for the purpose and, in the very hot weather, the crude petroleum used for fuel is most suitable, but during the spring equal parts of crude petroleum and kerosine may be used. Small puddles may be dealt with by lightly wiping over the surface with a wisp of rags dipped in the oil. For larger collections of water the best appliance is an ordinary gardener's watering pot, with as fine a rose as possible. The oil should be applied mainly along the windward side of the pool by a coolie, who should, if possible, walk out some distance into the water, and should be trained to sprinkle the oil by rapid single sweeps of the rose of the can, a few steps being taken between each sweep. No advantage is gained by applying the oil too thickly. In order to carry long distances over a deep pond or duck-out a garden syringe may be used. To be quite effective oiling should be repeated weekly during the season, say, from April to October.

The pains of a weekly stroll round one's premises to ensure the emptying and cleaning out of all kongs, pots, etc., are all that would be required of the average householder, but it is difficult to induce people to take even this trifling trouble and yet these very persons are the loudest in their condemnation of the inertia of the native in sanitary matters. These are the 'common-sense' people who attach no

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importance to 'doctor's fads' and 'scientific rot' and who render it necessary for the sanitary authority to organize mosquito brigades to do work which could be readily done by the individual.

Once the mosquito has developed wings and forsakes the water for the air it is much more difficult to kill. Mosquitoes lie low during the winter in dark quiet places, which are left undisturbed. One of the best ways for destroying these insects, which bridge over the interval between one mosquito season and another, is by means of Chinese fireworks containing a large proportion of sulphur, which on burning rapidly emit sulphur fumes in a form very inimical to insect life.

In order to carry out this work it would be necessary to organize mosquito brigades under the Sanitary Inspectors. A good way would be to give each of the four inspectors two foreign policemen, transferred from the Police for this special duty, who would each have five coolies working under their immediate supervision. Their duty would be to visit all places and houses in the eighth part of the Settlement allotted to them, with a view to carrying out the measures previously described. The cost of this staff for eight months in each year would amount approximately to

	Tls.
Foreign staff at Tls. 120 monthly	7,680
Chinese staff at $8 monthly	1,920
Apparatus, oil, etc....	5,000
Annual cost of maintaining mosquito brigades about...Tls.	14,600

By working on the above lines, especially if co-operation of residents, native and foreign, could be obtained, it is in all cases quite possible to materially diminish the mosquito nuisance and under favourable circumstances to practically extirpate them; but, in the majority of cases, an amelioration only in the number of insects is all that can be attained. In practice, however, it is extremely rare that anything like complete success can be attained. In the case, for example, of the country surrounding the built over part of Shanghai, the attempt to destroy mosquitoes would be little better than a waste of time and money; for, under such conditions, the breeding-places are so numerous and appear so constantly in new and unexpected situations as to defeat the utmost vigilance. On the other hand, in an exceptional case, such as that of the town of Ismailia in Egypt, where the rainfall is practically nil, and the breeding-places all of artificial origin, the practical extermination of mosquitoes may be so easy a matter as to be effected at a small expense in a single year.

Here follow tables of vital Statistics, Infectious Disease and Outdoor sanitary Work; Work done in the Municipal Laboratory, Municipal Hospitals and Slaughter-house; and lists of Laundries, Dairies and Dealers in Perishable Food-stuffs, etc, Licensed for the protection of Public Health.

ARTHUR STANLEY,
Health Officer.

Deaths.

	Foreign. Resident.	Foreign. Non-Resident.	Native.
Small-pox	0	0	3
Cholera	0	0	0
Typhoid Fever ...	0	0	—
Diphtheria	0	0	1
Scarlet Fever.....	0	0	0
Tuberculosis	4	1	55
From all causes .	22	3	499

Infectious Disease Notified Among Foreign Resident Population.

Small-pox	0
Cholera	0
Typhoid Fever	4
Diphtheria.....	2
Scarlet Fever.....	0
Tuberculosis	2
Hydrophobia	1

Municipal Laboratory.

Small-pox vaccine issued ...	2838 tubes
Vaccinations	86
Diphtheria Antitoxin issued..	50 bottles.
Cases undergoing anti-rabic treatment	3
Bacteriological examinations	59
Analysis.....	34

Slaughter-House Returns.

	Slaughtered.	Rejected at Slaughter-house.	Passed for Slaughter from Cattle-sheds.	Passed for Export from Cattle-sheds.	Rejected at Cattle-sheds.
Oxen	1120	10	1120	0	0
Sheep	2318	1	2318	5	2
Calves	350	0	350	0	0
Pigs.....	302	1	0	0	0

General Sanitary Work for February.

	District				Total.
	Eastern	Northern	Central	Western	
Vaccination against small-pox	8	19	14	9	85*
Enquiries after notification of foreign cases of infectious disease	2	1	0	2	5
Enquiries after notification of Chinese cases of, and deaths from, infectious disease	22	10	116	6	154
Rooms disinfected after infectious disease	39	19	900	11	969
Articles of clothing, bedding, etc., disinfected by steam	5837	71	1902	96	7706
Houses cleansed and lime washed	58	1048	100	83	1289
Ventilation and lighting amended	0	0	0	9	9
Defective drainage amended	10	23	7	7	57
Insanitary wells abolished	0	0	0	0	0
Proper water supply provided	0	0	0	0	0
Insanitary latrines and urinals rendered healthy ...	0	0	0	2	2
Night-soil pits and Kongs abolished...	0	0	0	4	4
Exposed coffined corpses removed and buried... ...	1	1	0	10	12
Smoke nuisances suppressed	0	3	0	0	3
Offensive trade process amended	0	0	0	0	0
Beggar-boats removed...	0	6	0	0	6
Complaints of insanitary conditions received from the public	6	1	5	12	24
Insanitary conditions reported by Health Office ...	25	35	7	16	84
Written intimation issued for sanitary amendment	15	6	0	6	27
Second written intimations issued for sanitary amendment	2	0	0	0	2
Notices of intention to proceed served	1	0	0	0	1
Samples taken for analysis...	10	0	0	19	29
Pounds of unsound food destroyed	89	265	200	27	581
Hawkers brought into markets...	135	155	90	0	380
Food prosecutions	2	9	0	0	11
House refuse prosecutions	28	28	0	0	56
Laundry and other prosecutions	3	1	0	1	5
Tons of ordors removed	1120	2400	1500	1108	6128
Tons of house refuse removed	2168	2270	4074	801	9291

* Including outside Settlement.

Report on Analysis of Water.

Sample received February 27, 1909.
Report sent out March 3, 1909.

Sample of Shanghai Waterworks Co.'s Water.

Physical Characters.—Yellowish green colour with slight opacity. Faintly alkaline reaction to litmus.

Solid Matter in Solution	14.4
a.—Volatile.....	7.6
b.—Fixed.....	6.8
Appearance on Ignition...Slight Charring	
Total Hardness	8.5
a.—Temporary	4.5
b.—Permanent	4.0
Chlorine	2.15
Nitrogen as Nitrates	0.0422
Saline Ammonia	0.0037
Albuminoid Ammonia	0.0142
Poisonous Metals	Nil
Nitrites	Nil
Phosphates	Nil
Sulphates	Traces.

Bacteriological Examination.—Gelatine plates at 23°c. yielded an average of 18 micro-organisms per c.c.

Agar plates at blood heat an average of 20.

Organisms of the coli group were present in quantities of 0.3 c.c. and upwards.

Report on Analysis.—A sample of water of good degree of bacterial and chemical purity.

Victoria Nursing Home.

Cases admitted	29
Discharged	27
Died	2
Remaining last day of month	22
Nursed outside the Home	3
Daily visits	0
Nursing pre-engagements	1

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Isolation Hospitals

	Foreign.	Native.
Cases Admitted—Small-pox	0	0
Cholera	0	0
Typhoid Fever	0	0
Diphtheria	0	0
Scarlet Fever	0	0
Other Diseases	4	53
Discharged	5	13
Died	0	1
Remaining last day of month	0	47

Summary of Plague Prevention Work During February.

	District				
	Ea	Northern	Central	Western	Total
Rats found dead and brought to the Laboratory for examination	461	326	432	156	1375
Rats plague infected	20	6	3	1	30
No. of traps in operation	450	439	680	172	1741
No. of rats trapped and burnt	1055	1898	1727	532	5212
Poisoned baits laid	32566	4611	83400	3302	123879
Houses temporarily rat-proofed and disinfected under notice to occupiers	606	460	247	131	1444
Houses rat-proofed under notice to owners	0	0	0	0	
Persons vaccinated against plague	36	32	17	15	200

Mosquito Extermination Work February.

	Distri				
	Eastern	Northern	Central	Western	Total
Stagnant waters on land removed	20	2	0	3	25
Stagnant waters in and around houses removed	550	37	0	25	612
Stagnant waters oiled weekly	0	0	0	0	0

Licensed Dairies.

Dairy.	Situation.
EASTERN	DISTRICT.
Riverside Dairy	76 Yangtszepoo Road
Shanghai Dairy	" "
Inshallah Dairy Farm	71 Ward Road
Sung Shing Dairy	Thorburn Road
Yangtszepoo Farm	" "
Farfield Dairy	19 Kwenming Road
Wayside Dairy	1543 Tongshan Road
Tuh Shing	East Kashing Road
NORTHERN	DISTRICT.
Home Farm	N. Szechuen Road
Paoshan Dairy	Paoshan
Hongkew Dairy	N. Szechuen Road
Yong Shu Fong	N. Honan Road
Mo Hung Shing	N. Szechuen Road
Ching Kee	N. Honan Road
Hong Kee	N. Szechuen Road
Pau Chee	N. Honan Road
Shing Chee	N. Honan Road
Family Farm	N. Szechuen Rd Ex
WESTERN	DISTRICT.
The Farm	Siccawei Road
Crawford's Dairy	" "
St. George's Farm	Bubbling Well Road
Swiss Farm	" " "
Culty's Farm	Route d'Ouner
Lemke's (Private) Dairy	160 Ave. Paul Brunat
Hung Fei's Dairy	Bubbling Well Road
Yuen Sang	" " "
Zee Butler	301 Burkill Road
Gordon Rd. Dairy Co.	1128 Gordon Road
Yui Chong	756 Avenue Road
Fok Kyi	1401 " "
Hop Shing	1 Yu Yuen Road
Nee Shing	Markham Road
Yok Kyi	Medhurst Road
Austin. Dairy Farm	Siccawei Road

Licensed Butchers, Poultry, Game and Vegetable Dealers.

Butchers.	Situation.
NORTHERN	DISTRICT.
W. Futterer	1106 Broadway
Fritz Pasche	7 "
R. Neumann	Astor Road
Wong Sie Shang	72 Tiendong Road
Kyung Yue Shing	671 " "
Tsiang Ka Va	672 " "
Lo Jung	957 Woochang Road
Sieu Kam Cheong	5 and 6 Market Road
Wong Yeek Sang	17 " "
Vee Ching Kee	1457 Woosung Road
An Sing	1578 " "
H. Möhle	178 Boone Road
CENTRAL	DISTRICT.
Hop Foong	17 Maloo Market
Hong Kee	19 " "
Yeh Tai	27 " "
Tsin Tai	28 " "
Yong Ta	29 " "
Hopkins	1 Ningpo Road
Vegetable and Game.	
NORTHERN	DISTRICT
Tsau Sung Ling	677 Tiendong Road
Yue Ming Kwai	1451 Woosung Road
Vee Fah Kee	122 Market Road
Sau Z. Yoong	32 & 33 Miller Road
CENTRAL	DISTRICT.
Tsao Sung Ling	12 Maloo Market
Lin Yun Kung	14 " "
Tsu Chee Ling	15 " "
Vee Ah Sun	16 " "
Loh Ah Sai	18 " "
Nui Ah Char	26 " "
Zung Tsau Ming	30 " "
Bak Yung Ling	31 " "
Chu Wai Chu	33 " "

Licensed Laundries.

Laundry.	Situation.
EASTERN	DISTRICT.
Ah Chow	465-6 Dent Road
Ah Kung	467 do.
Old Ah Foo	469-71 do.
Jackson	473-2 do.
Big Sam	66-8 Dent Lane
Jim	1858 Seward Road
Wo Yue	1859 do.
Yue Shing	1860 do.
Ching Kee	1861 do.
Mew Shing	1862 do.
Ah Ling	1863 do.
Big Jim	1192 Yuhang Road
Ah Kee	222 Tongshan Road
No. 1 Kashing	262-3 Harbin Road
No. 2 "	260-1 do.
No. 3 "	258-9 do.
No. 4 "	257-8 do.
No. 5 "	256 do
No. 6 "	255 do.
No. 7 "	254 do.
No. 8 "	253 do.
No. 9 "	251-2 do
No. 10 "	250-1 do
No. 11 "	249 do.
No. 12 "	248 do.
No. 13 "	247 do
No. 14 "	245-6 do.
No. 15 "	243-4 do.
No. 16 "	242 do.
No. 17 "	241 do
No. 18 "	240 do.
No. 19 "	239 do
Nos. 20-50 "	237-238 do.
NORTHERN	DISTRICT.
Yak Shing	846 Woosung Road
Miller	308 Miller Road
Chin Kee	1113 Woosung Road
Wong Ah Sam	1331 Haining Road
N Y. K.	N. Szechuen Rd. Ex.
Yah Tah Tung	Pd 2818 Haining Rd.
International No. 1-13	709-723 N. Szechuen Rd. Ex.
Japanese	Pd 778 Elgin Road
WESTERN	DISTRICT.
Yung Shing Washing Co	314-309 O'king Rd.
Woo Kee Washing Co.	259 Taku Road
Doo Foo Washing Co.	55 Yates Road
Ziang Shing " "	24 Weihaiwei Rd.
Shz Shing Washing Co.	105 "
Yung Sun Washing Co.	204 "
" " " "	210 "
" " " "	210 "
" " " "	210 "
" " " "	210 "

Report of Captain-Superintendent of Police for February.

Strength of the Force on February 28, 1909.

Officers	8
Foreigners	224
Indians	545
Chinese	979
Clerical and Teaching Staff	46
Mafoos, Coolies, etc.	92
Total	1,894

Entry into the Settlement of Armed Chinese Soldiers unauthorized.—During the month of February two cases have been recorded of improper functioning within Settlement limits by Chinese police and soldiers. As such actions have during the last year become very much more frequent, it may be of importance to give the facts briefly in each case.

The first improper action and much the more serious of the two was the entrance into the heart of the Settlement of 180 Chinese soldiers, fully armed with modern rifles and ball ammunition without any permit, at 8.20 p.m. on the evening of February 23. That these soldiers were intended to form a guard of honour on the departure of H.E. the Viceroy for Nanking is altogether beside the question from the point of view from which it is now desired to present it.

The Police instructions are very definite upon the point of preventing single Chinese carrying arms in the streets of the Settlement, and the responsibility of preventing armed bodies rests under the Council's instructions upon the Captain-Superintendent of Police.

For reasons it is unnecessary to record here, no interference was made with this party, but it is considered advisable to point out once again what is considered the very serious danger of allowing, under any conditions, the passage of armed parties of native Chinese soldiers within the limits of this Settlement.

Once inside the limits, such ill-disciplined bodies of native soldiers may at any time become lawless mutineers against even their own officers. Witness the very serious trouble which occurred only a short time ago at Anking in the Yangtse valley. There, as is well known, the Chinese regular troops suddenly revolted and endeavoured to pillage and murder their own officers. They also attempted to capture the town, which, so far as I am aware, was only saved by the spirited action of the chief official at Anking.

The above example serves to show what trust it is safe to place in such so-called regular troops. Besides which, the present procedure in this Settlement is that armed individuals and parties of native troops must on each and every occasion before they

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cross the boundary bear with them a permit signed by the Senior Consul.

I would take this opportunity of pointing out that there is no reason whatever why armed guards of any kind should be allowed within Settlement limits during the temporary visits of Chinese officials.

If it is considered that any special precautions are necessary, the safety of such officials must in any case rest with the Police who alone act under the Council's instructions. In no case can active surveillance be in the hands of native runners, detectives or armed Chinese escorts. Guards of honour and mounted troopers are ready at any moment to be furnished by the Police, when and if the rank of Chinese officials renders them necessary.

The only possible safeguard, should any attempt on the life or person of a high Chinese official be contemplated, is that his person be in the charge of the Detective Branch from the moment such official arrives in the Settlement until he quits it. Any safety, which it is supposed the presence of a guard of native soldiers affords, is purely imaginary.

In calling attention to this gross violation of official procedure, I wish to refer to the responsibility which rests upon the Captain-Superintendent should any untoward outbreak occur, owing to the unlicensed entry of these parties, as well as to the serious danger to the community involved in allowing armed Chinese soldiers to enter the Settlement at all.

The second case of irregular action at the hands of Chinese officials occurred on February 20 on the Siccawei Road. The facts of this case are briefly that the servants of a gentleman resident on a Municipal Road were summarily arrested upon the Siccawei Road, taken before the Fah-Wah petty Magistrate and bambooed. It is necessary to point out that if such outrages are allowed to pass with merely the usual Consular protest, there is nothing to prevent the persons of foreigners themselves being liable to be interfered with when using outside Municipal roads.

The murdered Chinese Constable.—Several arrests have been made in reference to the murder of the Chinese constable referred to last month. The evidence connecting the principal suspect with the case is being carefully sifted and it is hoped that justice will eventually overtake the murderer.

Another cold-blooded murder was committed on February 16 last at the Zih Zung Cotton Mill. The case has already been reported in the daily papers and is merely alluded to in this report as emphasizing the well-nigh impossible conditions under which certain Police work is carried on in Shanghai. In this case the murderer had only to step on board a boat 200 yards away from the mill and cross to the Pootung side of the river, or, walk rather over a mile, and in both cases he was without the limits of Police jurisdiction and could not have been touched.

A convenience to the Public.—It is notified for the general information of all residents that every native Police-constable in the Force is in possession of a note-book while on duty.

Should any lady or gentleman wish to make a complaint or to bring to the notice of the Captain-Superintendent any occurrence in the street, such as cruelty to animals by natives carrying birds in a barbarous manner, or an infringement of Traffic Regulations: also should any lady or gentleman wish to testify as a witness to a street accident they may have seen occur, it is only necessary for them to ask the nearest native or Indian Constable for his book: in this write a brief summary of the event it is wished to record, sign and give address, and the complaint will reach the proper quarter.

Although strict instructions have been given to the Constables on duty with regard to the above matters, the indulgence of the public is requested towards both native and Indian Constables who may not at first fully grasp what is required of them.

Gaol.—During January of this year, the following amounts have been earned by the convicts at the Municipal Gaol:—

		Tls.
Gross value of work performed for the P.W.D.		1,113.20
Less, Cost of free artizans	Tls. 44.70	
raw materials	„ 242.00	
sandals for road parties	„ 212.00	498.70
Total value of labour.		614.50
Gross value of work performed in addition to that of the P.W.D.	Tls.	2054.30
Less, Cost of raw materials	„	1316.57
Total value of labour...	Tls.	737.73
Value of labour. Grand total.	Tls.	1352.23

Nothing is allowed in above amount for such labour as cooking, general cleaning, whitewashing, etc., which in the Shanghai Municipal Gaol is all performed by the prisoners.

Shooting Affray.—An affray occurred in the Louza District on February 24 which may end fatally. A carpenter was shot by armed loafers, and, from the evidence to hand, it is presumed on account of a gambling row. The occurrence is merely noted to show once more that the criminals who now frequent the Settlement are accustomed to carry arms and to use them on the slightest provocation. In this connexion it may be interesting to compare the drastic methods for the prevention of crime in Chinese territory surrounding this Settlement. The following quotations are taken from one of the leading Chinese newspapers published in Shanghai, dated January 25 and 29 last:—

"Special telegram from Soochow. "Fong Siu-san, a Captain of Military "Police, charged with being concerned "with the soldiers under his command "in committing a burglary was "executed."

"News from Soochow. On the 25th "day of the 12th Moon, a band of "thieves entered an oil-shop at Si Kou, "Soochow, and stole therefrom a large "sum of money and many valuable "articles, the property of Tsang Chiang-"ching, who is well known to be "wealthy, having many oil, rice and "other shops at different places. Four "soldiers of the Tai Wu Navy came to "the rescue, but they were overpowered "and wounded by the thieves. Strict "steps have now been taken for the "recovery of the property and the arrest "of the thieves."

The same paper for January 29 says:—

"The burglary at an oil-shop in "Si Kau, Soochow, was traced to have "been committed by Fong Siu-san and "the soldiers under his command, with "the result that Fong was executed.

"Originally it was the intention of "His Excellency Say, the Soochow "Provincial Treasurer, to put four "other thieves to death, namely, Ye "Wei-ching, Wong Yu, Wu ching "and Fung Ah-san. But, owing to "the fact that the man Ye Wei-ching "did not admit the charge, he and the "three others mentioned are again "remanded in custody pending further "trial."

Here we find a case of simple burglary treated in a manner which to Western ideas is inhumane to a degree. That, however, is not a matter upon which residents of this Settlement have a right to comment. On the other hand, they have every right to complain of a state of affairs which allows comparative scales of punishment inside and outside the Settlement to vary to such an unjustifable extent.

To impute to the Chinese Government the intention to drive the worst and most daring criminals from the surrounding districts into Shanghai, is not my intention. At the same time, the local officials from the Viceroy at Nanking downwards must be perfectly well aware of the enormous amount of extra work thrown upon the Shanghai Municipal Police, owing to the absence of corporal punishment at the Mixed Court.

I go even further and will say without any fear of contradiction that not a single Magistrate from the City one downwards, in the petty Courts surrounding Shanghai, could run his Yamên with the slightest appearance of success for one week without the free and almost daily use of the bamboo. It is a well-known axiom of criminal organization that "Misguided leniency in dealing with evils requiring severe punishment is responsible for the prevalence of crime."

Cinematograph Shows.—The extent of the responsibility thrown upon the Police to see that at all cinematograph entertainments the lanterns with their inflammable films are all contained in fire-proof boxes is revealed by a panic which occurred in London in January. During a display of animated pictures an electric wire fired a length of film, and instantly amid the terror-striken cry of "Fire" there was a mad rush by the audience for the exit stairs. Fortunately no one was killed, but nearly a score of people were injured, in one or two cases seriously. The cinematograph entertainment is now so popular that it behoves the various managements to take the fullest measures to safeguard against possible outbursts of fire of the character of that referred to.

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Captain-Superintendent of Police.

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Return of Persons coming under the notice of Police for Criminal and other Offences.

Offences.	Foreigners	Natives	Total
(a) OFFENCES AGAINST THE PERSON:—			
Murder		3	3
Attempted suicide		6	6
Cutting and wounding		6	6
Assault	1	48	49
Kidnapping		26	26
Cruelty to or trafficking in women or children		14	14
Bringing false charges		8	8
Bigamy	1		1
Desertion	1		1
Indecent assault	1		1
(b) OFFENCES AGAINST RIGHTS OF PROPERTY:—			
Robbery		4	4
Embezzlement		7	7
Extortion		8	8
Burglary		25	25
Housebreaking		13	13
Obtaining goods or money by false pretences		8	3
Fraud		2	2
Receiving stolen property		4	4
Unlawful possession		28	28
Malicious injury		1	1
Larceny	5	272	277
Civil Offences: Debt	1	14	15
Breach of contract		5	5
Others		11	11
Trespass		8	8
Criminal negligence (fires)		4	4
(c) ACTS INJURIOUS TO THE PUBLIC:—			
Common nuisances		1,241	1,241
Vagrancy	7	32	39
Returning after expulsion		21	21
Disorderly and improper conduct	11	106	117
Soliciting prostitution	2	45	47
Depositing garbage		22	22
Traffic:—Furious driving	1	13	14
Obstruction		1,512	1,512
Infringement of trade marks		4	4
Harbouring criminals		1	1
Obstructing the police		3	3
Public gambling		107	107
Illegal arrest or detention		1	1
Lekin collection (attempted)		2	2
Loitering for purpose of committing a felony		18	18
Perjury		1	1
Gaol breaking		1	1
Cruelty to animals		3	3
Being member of a gang of loafers		2	2
Insanitary premises		39	39
Exposing unsound fruit		1	1
Indecent exposure of person	1		1
Keeping disorderly house	1		1
Escaping from custody of H.B.M.'s Gaol	1		1
Arms, and Fire Arms, unlawful carrying	2		2
Miscellaneous		29	29
Breach of license conditions:—Wine-shop		6	6
Dog	6	1	7
Club		2	2
Laundry		4	4
Lodging-house		3	3
Opium-shop		9	9
Tea-shop		2	2
Dairy		1	1
Building		1	1
Evading license:—Liquor	4		4
(d) NOT CHARGED:—			
Beggars, Hawkers, Ragpickers		3,278	3,278
Others	36	307	343
Total	82	7,343	7,425

Return of Sentences

Sentence.	Foreigners	Natives	Total
Imprisonment	11	339	350
Cangue		7	7
Expulsion or deportation	4	9	13
Fined	20	339	359
Imprisonment and cangue		3	3
" " expulsion		78	78
Bail forfeited		2,755	2,755
Cautioned	2	23	25
Dismissed	7	46	53
Released on Security		58	58
Left to Court		19	19
Handed to parents or guardians		12	12
Sent to Reformatory		1	1
" Sinza Refuge		39	39
" Door of Hope		5	5
" Native Authorities		12	12
Summons withdrawn		1	1
Sent to French Mixed Courts		5	5
" Cantonese Guild		1	1
Released		1	1
To report to Police		1	1
To be divorced		2	2
Committed suicide whilst in custody		1	1
Recommended license to be withdrawn		1	1
Committed for trial	1		1
Sent on board ship for punishment	1		1
Total	46	3,708	3,804

Prisoners in Custody

on February 28, 1909.

Central Station	58
Louza Station	69
Hongkew Station	71
West Hongkew Station	33
Harbin Road Sub-Station	5
Wayside Station	16
Gaol	903
Yangtszepoo Station	13
Sinza Station	57
Bubbling Well Station	15
Total	1,240

Vehicle Licenses.

	Suspended	Confiscated
Ricsha	1,120	2,388
Wheelbarrow	28	—
Handcart	—	—
Total	1,148	2,388

Value of Property Stolen between

Jan. 30, 1909, and Feb. 26, 1909.

	Dollars
Stolen	31,668.12
Recovered	22,678.22

Warrants and Summonses.

	Issued	Executed or Served
Warrants	46	28
Summonses	85	137

Dogs.

At Kennels Jan. 31, 09	26	153
Captured	127	
Returned	18	153
Killed	121	
Remaining at Kennels	14	

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AT the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, March 24, 1909, at 4.30 p.m., there are present :

Messrs. H. De Gray
F. C. Heffer
D. Landale
W. D. Little
H. A. J. Macray
R. S. F. McBain
J. H. McMichael
O. Meuser
W. A. C. Platt
J. Prentice
T. E. Trueman
The Secretary and
Assistant Secretary.

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

The minutes of the last meeting are read and confirmed, whereupon Mr. Little refers in cordial terms to the arduous work which the Chairman has performed during the past year. Mr. Landale expresses his thanks to the members for the support which they have given him, and the retiring members of the Council for 1908, Messrs. McMichael and McBain then withdraw.

Election of Office Bearers.—Upon the proposal of Mr. Little, seconded by Mr. Platt, Mr. Landale is unanimously re-elected Chairman, and upon the proposal of Mr. Platt, seconded by Mr. Macray, Mr. Meuser is re-elected to the Vice-Chair.

The Council resolves itself into Standing Committees as follows:—

Watch Committee: Messrs. Little, Macray and Platt.

Works Committee: Messrs Heffer, Meuser and Prentice.

Finance Committee: Messrs. De Gray, Landale and Trueman.

In respect to the appointment of Municipal Sub-Committees, it is decided to request the present members to continue their services for another year, and, since it has been ascertained that with one exception they are willing to stand if appointed, these Sub-Committees will continue as follows :—

Band Committee: Messrs. Burrett, Fink and Meuser.

Parks Committee: Messrs. Algar, Beauchamp and Teesdale. Mr. Kerr's retirement from this Committee leaves the original number of members (3) complete ; it is therefore decided, while conveying the Council's thanks to Mr. Kerr for his services, to make no further appointment. Mr. Teesdale has expressed readiness to rejoin the Committee upon his return to Shanghai.

Shanghai, arch 24, 1909.

DEAR SIR,—I regret I shall be unable to serve on the Parks Committee during the coming year.

Yours faithfully,

CRAWFORD D. KERR.

W. E. LEVESON Esq.,

Secretary, Municipal Council.

Council Room,
Shanghai, March 29, 1909.

SIR,—I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your note of March 24, conveying the resignation of your seat on the Parks Committee, of which you have been a member for the past three years.

In accepting your resignation with the greatest regret, the Council directs me to convey to you an expression of the members' cordial thanks for the work which you have done, and for the advice and direction which you have given, especially in regard to the Hongkew Recreation Ground. The popularity and success of this public park is felt to be in no small degree due to your personal efforts towards its development.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

W. E. LEVESON,

Secretary.

CRAWFORD D. KERR, Esq.

The Council's representative on the *Public Recreation Ground Committee*: Mr. Heffer.

Public School Committee: Messrs. Abraham and Wilson and Dr. Ivy. Mr. De Gray replaces Mr. Prentice as the Council's representative, while Mr. H. E. Campbell has consented to resume his seat on the Committee.

Public School for Chinese Committee:—The Rev. A. J. Walker, Dr. Ferguson and Messrs. Chu Lan-fong and Shen Tun-ho. Mr. Macray will continue to serve as the Council's representative.

Electricity Committee: Messrs. Anderson, Grant-Mackenzie and Pilcher.

Annual Meeting of Ratepayers.

Rules of Procedure.—The experience of the Ratepayers' Meeting having amply proved the necessity for careful revision of these rules in order that they may better conform with changing conditions and expanding requirements, it is decided, in accordance with the Chairman's announcement at the Meeting, to invite five prominent Ratepayers who have evinced interest in the matter, to act in the capacity of a Special Committee and make such recommendations as may seem requisite, particularly as to the method of recording votes for and against the motions proposed. The following will therefore be invited to serve :—

The Rev. G. F. Fitch, D.D.
Messrs. H. D. Hutchison
R. J. Marshall, M.D.
C. Stepharius
H. P. Wilkinson.

with power to add to their number.

Volunteers.

Light Horse.—Upon the recommendation of the Commandant a commission as 2nd Lieutenant is authorized for issue to Mr. A. C. Crighton, at present Squadron-Sergeant-Major.

Artillery.—A report by the Commandant refers to the difficulty now experienced in connexion with the annual target practice at the Point, which, owing to the changed conditions resulting from the construction of new foreign buildings, would, in his opinion, be highly dangerous. It is noted, therefore, with regret that for the present and until a suitable site is found, the practice must be abandoned.

Police.

Annual Inspection.—Following the custom revived last year, it is decided to hold an Inspection of the Force in the near future, and at Mr. Little's suggestion this function will take place during the last week of the Volunteer Training Season, the Inspecting Officer being invited to be present, with the Watch Committee and the Chairman of Council.

Foreign Branch.—The promotion of Sergeant Burnside to be Sub-Inspector is authorized with effect from March 16, from which date he will return to uniform duty.

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The following are promoted to be Probationary Sergeants with effect from March 15 :—

T. P. Givens
B. Russell
F. Lesley
J. Robbins
E. L. Dawson
J. Sullivan
J. Colter
J. Hamilton
J. F. Prosser
T. Brown
G. Hermitage
A. Mackintosh

The promotion of the following to be 2nd-Class Constables is authorized with effect from March 20 :—

W. Barker
D. Ingleson
F. Macleod
W. Simpson
J. Sutcliffe

The resignation under medical certificate of Constable MacGil'ycuddy is accepted with effect from March 20.

The promotion of the following to be 3rd-Class Warders is authorized :—

J. F. Franklin from February 10
J. MacFarlane from April 1

Opium Houses.

To the representations addressed to the Consular Body as to the existence of seven opium-houses in the City, a further letter from the Senior Consul forwards a second reply from the Taotai, giving the contents of reports on the subject addressed to him by the Police authorities and the City Magistrate. This, in continuation of the correspondence published with the minutes of the meetings of January 27, and March 3, is included hereunder for record :—

Shanghai, March 11, 1909.

Sir,—With reference to my letter of February 27, I have the honour to forward herewith for your consideration copy and translation of a further reply from the Taotai in regard to the question of the closing of opium-houses in the Native City.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

D. Siffert,

Consul-General for Belgium,

and Senior Consul.

D. Landale, Esq.,

Chairman, Municipal Council.

Translation of letter from Taotai Tsai to the Senior Consul, dated March 5, 1909.

In reply to the Senior Consul's letter of February 12 to the effect that in the Chinese City there are seven shops which sell opium, I have already given a preliminary reply to the effect that having long since heard of the matter, I had given directions for their prohibition. I am now in receipt of a report in reply by Chief Inspector Sun Tiao-ting of the Police Office of the Fourth Road, stating that in compliance with instructions, without giving signs of his intentions, he proceeded to the City, examined all the streets and lanes by districts, and found that there was no disobedience of the prohibition as was mentioned. No. 4 Loh Ka Dza and the other places named in the Taotai's dispatch were all formerly owners of opium-houses, the change of which to opium-shops was approved. Although this change has taken place, the outside of these shops for the sale of the raw material still retains its former appearance ; and since no shop sign is hung up at the door, and on the windows only a small strip of red paper is used whereon is written the price at which the raw material is sold per fraction of an ounce, persons unacquainted with the circumstances and looking merely at the outward appearance, must be led to entertain suspicions, and at first sight, indicate them as disobeying the prohibition by having lamps and inviting people to smoke in secret. Fearing lest his examination should have been incomplete, and that these people though pretending to comply, were secretly disobeying, he again conducted an investigation jointly with Chief Superintendent Yu, and without being accompanied by runners, personally entered into each of the houses, first examining the license and then the couches, the beds, boxes and quiet corners of the rooms. All these were inspected fully and it was found that there were neither pipes nor lamps nor other such articles. He adds that opium-shops do not fall within the closing rule, and that Superintendent Yu before joint action with him, having observed this matter from the newspaper, long since summoned the householders concerned to the office and obtained from them a bond of which the wording was most strict.

I have also received a report in reply from the Central Works Bureau to the effect that orders having been given to the Western District station, a reply was received to the effect that the tenant of No. 78 Zaochow Road, named Hsü Ting-ying is old and well-conducted and has hitherto kept a tailors' shop, having two sons, one a pawnbroker and the other a rice dealer, who both carry on their business respectably and have never smoked opium, while as for the secret sale of opium, or the keeping of opium lamps, no such thing has occurred. Hsü Ting-ying was then caused to make out a bond entailing severe penalties, which was duly presented, and after giving strict directions to the detectives of each Police District to continue genuine inquiries, from time to time, a report was presented accordingly.

In a report presented also by the City Magistrate it is stated that before my instructions were received, secret directions were given for thorough investigation, and it was found that all parts were entirely clear of houses, and that there was not the slightest case of keeping lamps or of secret sale; that the evidence of the neighbours of the tenants concerned and the headman was all in agreement ; that bonds involving the severest penalties were entered into by these tenants, neighbours and headmen, the documents being enclosed for inspection and record; and that besides continuing investigation from time to time, a communication was addressed to the Anti-Opium Society asking that an officer be deputed to carry out an inspection to the same end.

On receipt of all these replies, having found that there is no discrepancy, while again giving instructions by dispatch for strict investigations by the concerned as occasion arises, I have now to reply, and trust that the Senior Consul will take note of this communication and kindly inform the members of the Consular Body accordingly.

Fire Brigade.

As a result of correspondence which has taken place between the Health Officer and the Foremen of the Mih-ho-loong and Deluge Companies a report by the Engineer is submitted proposing that a new and separate kitchen be constructed on the top storey of the Central Fire Station for the use of one of these Companies, at a total cost of Tls. 1,100. At the recommendation of the Watch Committee it is decided that only certain small changes, indicated by the Health Officer as immediately necessary, be carried out, and that the more permanent work to which the Engineer's report refers, be inserted in the estimates for next year.

Staff.—Six months' leave of absence is granted to Mr. H. D. S. Parkhill, Departmental Engineer, with effect from April 9.

The temporary engagement of Mr. H. Lent is authorized with effect from March 24, and during the absence on leave of Mr. Parkhill.

Public Garden.

In connexion with an application for the privilege of selling refreshments in the Hongkew Recreation Ground, a recommendation by the Engineer is submitted, endorsed by the Parks Committee, that kiosks be built both in this Ground and in the Public Garden to be sub-let to the highest bidder. The estimated cost of the work is Tls. 680, and, as no provision for this outlay has been made in the Budget, it is decided to postpone it until next year, the arrangements being for the present as heretofore.

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New Roads.

The following correspondence is ordered for publication :—

Shanghai, December 29, 1908.

SIR,—I have the honour to send you, herewith, for your consideration and reply, copy and translation of a letter received from the Taotai, as regards a road projected at the N.W. of the Shanghai District.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

D. SIFFERT,

Consul-General for Belgium and Senior Consul.

D. LANDALE, Esq.,

Chairman, Municipal Council.

Translation of letter from the Taotai to the Senior Consul, dated December 21, 1908.

The Taotai is in receipt of a report from certain local notables to the effect that in the western part of the District of Shanghai, certain foreigners have set boundaries and constructed a road, and they request that this action be opposed and prohibited.

A deputy was therefore commissioned by the Taotai to investigate this matter, and it appears that there is in truth the semblance of a road west of Fahwah village and east of Pei Sing King at a distance of 3 li from each. It begins on the south at the base of the Zose Road, running northward past the Wang Ka Lou, Chin Ka Kong, Ying Jui Miao, direct to Chow Ka Jow, and as far as the Soochow Creek. It is 3 li in length, about 4 chang in width, and on each side are Municipal boundary stones with foreign letters on them.

The Taotai finds that the spot in question which is situated in the 28th Pao, 3rd Tu and 18th Western Tu, is outside the Settlement, and should come within the control of the local officials. The Municipal Council's action in placing boundary stones unauthorised and without petitioning the Senior Consul to discuss the matter with the Taotai, for his assent, is most unsatisfactory. Within these stones there are many graves and it is to be feared that general indignation will be provoked.

The Taotai has therefore to request the Senior Consul strictly to prohibit and oppose this action, and give directions for the prompt removal of the boundary stones, not permitting work to be begun, in order to avoid provoking trouble, and with a view to compliance with Treaty regulations. The Taotai writes this urgent despatch requesting the Senior Consul kindly to take note and give dire tions accordingly.

Council Room,

Shanghai, January 27, 1909.

SIR,—I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of December 29, enclosing a communication from the Taotai on the subject of the road, for the acquisition of which negotiations have been initiated, between the Hungjao Road and the Soochow Creek.

In reply thereto, it appears to the Council to be desirable to point out that the road in question, with others in the district, are being arranged, as roads beyond the limits of the Settlement have been in the past, in strict accordance with the provisions of Article VI of the Land Regulations, i.e. the Council is purchasing land leading or being out of the Settlement from the native owners upon terms mutually agreed upon, for the purpose of converting the same into roads.

So soon as any of the negotiations in question are completed, the plan of the new road concerned will be forwarded to yourself for transmission to the Native Land Office, in accordance with the practice hitherto obtaining; and I have the honour to express the hope that you may be good enough to address the Taotai on the subject in such terms as will check the intention already announced of preventing the construction of these roads by inaugurating upon the western boundary of the Settlement a loose and irregular simulation of municipal supervision such as at present exists on the north.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

DAVID LANDALE,

Chairman.

D. SIFFERT, Esq.,

Consul-General for Belgium.

and Senior Consul.

Shanghai, March 16, 1909.

SIR,—With reference to your reply of January 27 as to the new road to be constructed between the Hungjao road and the Soochow creek, I have the honour to forward for the Council's information copy of the further correspondence exchanged with the Taotai on the same subject.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

D. SIFFERT,

Consul-General for Belgium and Senior Consul.

D. LANDALE, Esq.,

Chairman, Municipal Council.

Shanghai, February 27, 1909.

SIR,—With reference to your letter of December 21 relating to the road for the acquisition of which negotations have been initiated, between the Hungjao road and the Soochow creek, I have the honour to inform you that from a reply received from the Municipal Council on the subject it seems "that the road in question with others in the district are being arranged, as roads beyond the limits of the Settlement have been in the past, in strict accordance with the provisions of Art. VI of the Land Regulations, i.e., the Council is purchasing land leading or being out of the Settlement from the native owners upon terms mutually agreed upon, for the purpose of converting the same into roads."

So soon as any of the negotiations in question are completed, the plan of the new road concerned will be forwarded to me for transmission to the native land office, in accordance with the practice hitherto existing.

The right to own and construct roads beyond limits, bestowed to the Municipal Council by Art. VI of the Land Regulations involves, of course, Municipal control on same roads. I need not to remark that the Council will police the new road in question in the same way as it does actually police the other Municipal roads already existing beyond limits.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

D. SIFFERT,

Consul-General for Belgium, and Senior Consul.

H.E. TS'AI NAI-HUANG,

Shanghai Taotai.

Translation of a letter from the Taotai to the Senior Consul, dated March 9, 1909.

I was on March 4 in receipt of your reply as to the proposed demarcation and construction by the Municipal Council of a road between the Soochow Creek and the Hungjao Road, in which you state that since in accordance with Article VI of the Land Regulations the Council has the power to construct roads beyond the limits of the Settlement, it has also authority to establish Police at such points.

I find no record of discussion and approval of the Land Regulations by this Yamên, and, therefore to start with, cannot recognize them. Since, moreover, the land in question is beyond the limits of the Settlement, it follows that Chinese officials should administer it; and it is quite unallowable that the Municipal Council, citing these Regulations, should rely upon the ostensible object of purchasing land for the construction of a road, as a plan for deputing constables and making police arrangements there. This appears to amount to wilful encroachment, of which it would be difficult for the Taotai to approve.

I have accordingly to communicate with you in this sense begging you kindly to take note and give directions for observance.

Council Room,

Shanghai, March 29, 1909.

SIR,—I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of March 16, enclosing further correspondence with the Taotai on the subject of certain projected municipal roads beyond the western boundary of the Settlement.

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The Council notes therefrom with regret that the Taotai has gone so far as to express refusal to recognize the Land Regulations, and, under these circumstances, has nothing to add to what has already been written on the subject. I would merely venture to remind him that the Council has constructed and policed roads outside the Settlement continuously since the Bubbling Well and other such roads were taken over in 1866.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,
DAVID LANDALE,
Chairman.

D. SIFFERT, Esq.,
Consul-General for Belgium,
and Senior Consul.

The meeting adjourns at 6.5 p.m.

Notification of Infectious Disease.

The following have been reported during the week ending Sunday, March 21, 1909.	Deaths among Chinese population of 550,000	Cases notified among Non-Chinese population of 15,000.
Small-pox.	0	1
Cholera.	0	0
Typhoid Fever.	—	1
Diphtheria.	0	2
Scarlet Fever.	2	0
Tuberculosis.	11	0
Plague	0	0
Total Deaths from all Causes	119	1

The following have been reported during the week ending Sunday, March 28, 1909.	Death among Chinese population of 550,000	Cases notified among Non-Chinese population of 15,000.
Small-pox.	0	0
Cholera.	0	0
Typhoid Fever	—	0
Diphtheria.	0	1
Scarlet Fever.	0	1
Tuberculosis	9	0
Plague	0	0
Total Deaths from all Cases	128	1

ARTHUR STANLEY,
Health Officer.

Summary of Plague Prevention Work

during the week ending March 21, 1909.

	District			
	Eastern	Northern	Central	Western
Rats found dead and brought to the Laboratory for examination..	270	274	93	40
Rats plague infected	4	2	1	0
Traps in operation	582	399	840	410
Rats trapped and burnt	126	272	230	153
Poisoned baits laid.	32097	58830	89800	4540
Houses temporarily rat-proofed and disinfected under notice to occupier.	171	179	80	42
Houses rat-proofed under notice to owners.....	0	0	0	6
Persons vaccinated against plague....	17	10	10	10

during the week ending March 28, 1909.

	District			
	Eastern	Northern	Central	Western
Rats found dead and brought to the Laboratory for examination	221	287	103	42
Rats plague infected	5	5	0	0
Traps in operation	565	370	950	430
Rats trapped and burnt.....	140	249	311	168
Poisoned baits laid	46004	74320	28700	4508
Houses temporarily rat-proofed and disinfected under notice to occupier	160	266	117	32
Houses rat-proofed under notice to owners	0	0	0	0
Persons vaccinated against plague...	18	10	10	10

ARTHUR STANLEY,
Health Officer.

Public Band.

Public Performances.—The attendance on Sunday, April 4, numbered 658.

The programme for Sunday, March 28, will be as follows:—

1.—Overture—"Merry Wives of Windsor" Nicolai
2.—Entracte No. 3—"Rosamund" Schubert
3.—Selection—"Der Evangelimann" Kienzl

4.—Overture—"Youth" Hervey
5.—Symphony No. 5 in C minor Beethoven
(two movements)
(*c*) Scherzo (*d*) Finale.

Conductor-in-charge, Mr. R. BUCK.

The week-day performances will cease during the Volunteer Training Season, i.e. until April 24.

Engineer's Report for February.

The outside work of the Department during the month has consisted chiefly of routine work involving "Ordinary Expenditure." Active preparations are, however, being made so that work in connexion with "Extraordinary Expenditure" may be commenced immediately after the Ratepayers' meeting.

The acquisition of the unregistered land for the widening of Peking Road is being slowly proceeded with and it is hoped that the whole of the land will be acquired by the end of next month. The total area of the unregistered land affected by the scheduled widening of 1907 is 0m. 7f. 6l. 9h., held by sixteen different owners. Most of the land is built over and it has been extremely difficult to induce the owners to come to terms. The negotiations being nearly completed the acquisition of the registered land will be proceeded with, in accordance with the Council's instructions.

The Road Extension Plans for the Western, Central, Northern and Eastern "B" Districts for 1909 have been completed and submitted.

The manufacture of concreteware by convict labour was commenced on the 4th of this month. There has been some difficulty in initiating the convicts into the work, but they are improving gradually. In addition to being profitably employed, a large number of men are learning a useful trade. It is hoped that the use of this labour will enable the price of concreteware to be reduced later on.

Orders have been issued to the Electricity Department to change 31 carbon lamps of 32 c.p. and 15 carbon lamps of 50 c.p. for metallic filament lamps of 60 c.p. These lamps are situated in Hankow, Haining, Tongshan and North Szechuen Roads and on the Garden Bridge, and Bund Pontoons. The change will mean an annual saving of about Tls. 1,723, and a very considerable increase in the efficiency of the public lighting. Orders have also been forwarded for the erection of 54 metallic filament lamps and 7 arc lamps in the Western and Central Districts, in accordance with the approved Police suggestions as to public lighting. The lighting of the North Szechuen Road Extension as far as the entrance to the Hongkew Recreation Ground by means of metallic filaments has been effected.

It may be noted that the candle-power of the metallic filament electric lamps and the incandescent gas lamps gradually decrease, and there is no doubt that periodical photometric readings should be taken in order to ascertain that the lamps are up to the prescribed candle-power, as what appears to the naked eye as only a slight diminution in intensity may mean a considerable loss of candle-power for lighting purposes. In other words the light paid for is not being furnished,

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The new flame arc lamps in Nanking Road appear to be doing very well, but the intense redness of the light is not altogether pleasant. There is the risk of the main thoroughfares being so brightly illuminated as to plunge the adjacent smaller streets into relative darkness, with the result that it is difficult to distinguish traffic coming down them. Recently a new variety of "Alba" carbons giving a pure white light have been tried for street lighting with considerable success.

An experimental 300 c.p. self-intensifying high-pressure Welsbach gas lamp has been erected in Kiangse Road between Kiukiang and Nanking Roads, and gives a very excellent light. High-pressure gas lighting is coming very much to the front at home and the automatic lighting and extinguishing of gas lamps by means of pressure-waves seems likely to come into general use. Lighting of gas lamps singly is unsatisfactory as the lighting has to be commenced sometime before the light is actually required and the extinguishing is not completed until after the light has ceased to be required.

Fires attended with great loss of life have recently taken place both in Europe and America, on account of the ignition of cinematograph films. The fact that the lantern may be contained in a chamber partly constructed with metal will not prevent the spread of fire to the main building, as there must be certain openings in the walls to allow of the pictures reaching the screen and to allow the operator access to the lantern. An excellent suggestion has been made by Mr. Cooper, M. INST. C.E., the Borough Engineer of Wimbledon, by which the cinematograph chamber is placed wholly *outside* the building, as shown in the sketch below :—

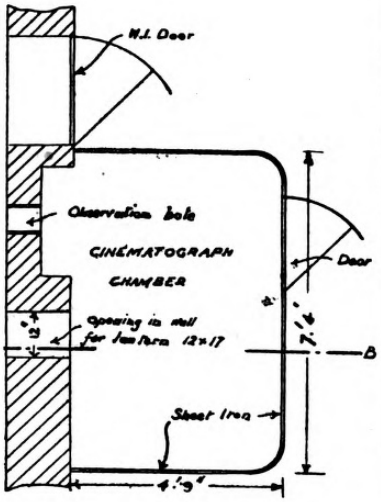
The knowledge that the apparatus is enclosed in a specially constructed chamber outside the building, should give an audience confidence, and the suggested arrangement should be carried out in Shanghai wherever possible.

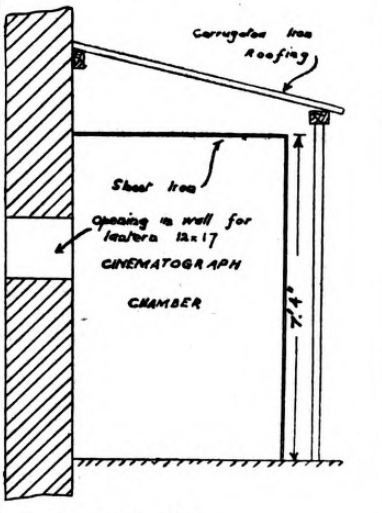
I am glad to report that the Shanghai Arcade Cinematograph Company, who are about to erect a large building for the purpose of a Cinematograph Entertainment in Yuen-fong Road, have agreed to re-arrange their plan so that the Cinematograph chamber will be outside the main building, as shown in the sketch.

The picturesque land-mark — the "Bubbling Well," the ceaseless bubbling of which indicates the respence of marsh gas, has fallen into a somewhat dilapidated condition, and with the approval of the Head Priest of the Zing-an Sze (Temple,) is being carefully renovated by this Department.

The following is a summary of the work done by the Department during the month :—

Works in Progress. — Inspector's Quarters, Wayside Police Station. Indians' Quarters, Wayside Police Station. Removal and enlargement of Sinza Market. Native Police Hospital adjoining Victoria Nursing Home. Western Police Depôt, Gordon Road. Re-erection of old Steam Disinfector at Isolation Hospital. Laying 4-ft. 6-in. diam. culvert along the Chang Pang from Defence Creek to Manila Road. Bricking and metalling the mud track along Weihaiwei Road between Chungking Road and Yates Road. Draining, bricking and metalling, the widening of Bubbling Well Road west of Yates Road. Raising Bubbling Well Cemetery Extension. Replacing existing wooden bridge carrying Chungking Road over the Chang Pang by 4-ft. 6-in. diam. culvert. Laying 4-ft. 6-in. diam. culvert across Robison Road east of Gordon Road. Concrete bunding along the Soochow Creek on the south-east side of Chekiang Road Bridge. Laying 2-ft. 3-in. by 1-ft. 6-in. sewer along North Honan Road. Extending 3-ft. diam. culvert across Baikal Road east of Macgregor Road, Raising Baikal Road. Raising Rangoon Road. Making up North Soochow Road west of North Chekiang Road.





Works Finally Completed. — New Quarters for Foreigners, Hongkew Police Station. Laying 3-ft. diam. culvert at the junction of Penang Road and Kiaochow Road. Erecting iron railings and stanchions along Hart Road north of Sinza Road. Laying 3-ft. diam. culvert along Avenue Road east of Gordon Road. Raising Chengtu Road between Great Western Road and Weihaiwei Road. Widening at the junction of the Bund and Nanking Road. Extending 2-ft. 3-in. by 1-ft. 6-in. culvert at Wayside Police Station. Laying 4-ft. 6-in. diam. culvert at the junction of Baikal Road and Thorburn Road. Laying 3-ft. diam. culvert across Baikal Road east of Macgregor Road. Making up Kaifeng Road west of North Thibet Road.

Plans Completed.— Proposed Pavilion, Hongkew Recreation Ground. Transformer-room, storage-room, etc., for Electricity Department. Longitudinal and Cross Sections of Defence Creek. Detail drawings of Chang Pang culverting.

Cleansing.— 86 cartloads of garbage, 2,857 cartloads of road detritus and 2,260 cartloads of gully deposit were collected during the month.

Quarry.—3,444 tons of road materials have been received during the month from the Quarry. 1,027 tons were dispatched from the Quarry for account of the French Council during the month.

Concreteware.—The following concreteware has been made at the Range Road Depôt during the month:—

Hand made	531	pieces
Machine made	1,525	,,
Total...	2,056	,,

Creeks and River.—2,282 tons of mud were dredged and removed from the Defence Creek and 4,606 tons of mud from the mouth of the Soochow Creek between the Garden Bridge and the Wangpoo River.

New Buildings.

Summary of work done during the month.

Description of Work.	Total.
Buildings under construction § ...	148
Plans submitted for sanction	36
Plans approved	35
Inspections by Inspectors 1181	
Permits for Carpenters' sheds, etc.	28
,, Repairs to Buildings.	67
,, New Shop Fronts ...	21
,, Painting	161
,, Alterations	38
,, Erecting Fences.....	18
,, Erecting Sign Boards	111
,, Erecting Drying Stages.....	2
Dangerous Notices served	17
Summonses	1
Encroachments reported and rectified.....	6

§These figures refer to the number of blocks of buildings under construction, the number of houses would be considerably greater.

Dangerous Structures.

Notices as to dangerous structures received from the public	0
Dangerous structures reported by P.W.D.	11
Notices as to dangerous structures received from other Departments.	13§

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Notices issued "A" 16
"B" 1

§ Only found necessary to issue five notices.

Summonses.—On the 12th instant, Wong Wen-pau was summoned at the Mixed Court for having failed to lay 6-in. of lime concrete under five Native Houses off Road Extension No. 26, west of Cadastral Lot 5615, E., and to provide drainage to same. The Court allowed him until March 4 to comply with the By-laws.

Survey Work.

Official measurements of new land lots attended during the month..	46
Cadastral certificates issued	36
Consular lots surveyed	17
Surveys made in connexion with road widenings and/or extensions	65
Lots examined to ascertain whether they included roads or waterways which are or may in future be of use to the public	19

M. C. R. stones have been erected as follows:—

Western District	21	stones.
Central "	2	"
Northern "	2	"
Eastern "	29	"
Total	54	"

Miscellaneous.—The average number of labourers employed during the month exclusive of contract work has been 1,839 as against 1,779 during February, 1908.

CHARLES MAYNE,
Engineer & Surveyor.

March 6, 1909.

Departmental Report of the Superintendent of Parks and Open Spaces to the Municipal Engineer for February.

The chief occupation during the month was the planting and pruning of trees on the roads. The majority of the trees planted this year have, for the first time, been obtained from the Hungjao Road Nursery, and it is found that the most rapid and convenient method of bringing them into the Settlement is by boat down the Soochow Creek. An angular corner on the Bubbling Well Road near the western entrance to the Country Club was planted with palms and eunonymus. Another corner on this road was raised previous to turfing and planting. The lawn at Sinza Police Station which had settled unevenly, has been slightly raised and levelled.

Hongkew Recreation Ground.—Ten large trees were planted. If they grow they should provide a considerable amount of shade the first year, as well as adding materially to the general appearance of the ground. 180-ft. of culverting was laid and a commencement made to filling the creek with soil. A tile floor was laid in the summerhouse and various small trees and shrubs planted. The number af visitors during the month was 6,342. Football matches played 8. Golf was played by 375 players.

Trees planted on roads.—

Weihaiwei Road.....	91
Great Western Road	18
Seymour Road	55
Yates Road.....	37
Hart Road.....	85
Haiphong Road.....	44
Tongking Road	49
The Bund	48
Siccawei Road	46
Ferry Road	298
Robison Road.....	4
Jessfield Road	2
Markham Road.....	3
Avenue Road.....	2
Kiaochow Road	2
Ichang Road.....	3
Penang Road.....	147
Singapore Road	76
Nanyang Road.....	21
Bubbling Well Road.....	98
Taku Road.....	59
Ward Road	44
North Szechuen Road.....	50
	1,282

Flowering plants planted at—

Hongkew Recreation Ground.	95
Hongkew Park	77
Siccawei Road Nursery	35
Public Garden	80
Chinese Public School.....	10
	297

D MACGREGOR,
Superintendent.

MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION.

No. 1953.

THE Council is prepared to receive tenders for the annual supply of PORTLAND CEMENT in such quantities as may be required.

Specifications may be seen, and all necessary information obtained, upon application at the Public Works Office, Hankow Road, between the hours of 10 a.m, and 5 p.m.

Sealed tenders will be received by the undersigned not later than noon on Saturday, June 26, 1909, and should be marked "Tender for Portland Cement."

The Council does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender, or to pay any expenses which the contractor may incur in tendering. The contractor whose tender is eventually accepted will be required to give satisfactory security for the due performance of the contract.

The names of tenderers, with the prices quoted, will be published for general information.

By order,

W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

Council Room,
Shanghai, March 10, 1909.

MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION.

No. 1959.

ELECTRICITY DEPARTMENT.

THE Council is prepared to receive tenders for the supply of about 14,500 tons of SMALL LUMP OR NUT COAL, suitable for burning in mechanical stokers, during a period of one year from May 1, 1909.

Further particulars and all necessary information may be obtained upon application to the Electrical Engineer, Mr. T.H.U. Aldridge, at the Electricity Works, 31 Faron Road.

Sealed tenders must be forwarded to the undersigned not later than noon on Saturday, April 10, 1909.

By order,

W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

Council Room,
Shanghai, March 24, 1909.

MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION.

No. 1947.

DOGS.

Dog owners who have not yet taken out licences for 1909, are requested to make application for the same at the Tax Office.

Attention is directed to condition No. 6 imposed in respect to the licence as follows:—

"That the dog when in the streets "or other public place be effectively "muzzled, but in such a manner as "will admit of its breathing and drinking."

Dogs found without muzzles, whether led or at large, within the limits of the Settlement or on outlying roads, will be seized by the Police and detained at the new Dog Kennels in the Gordon Road, opposite the Police Western Depôt, for a period of one week or longer as circumstances may direct; their owners, when identified, will be prosecuted. Dogs wearing ineffective muzzles will be regarded as unmuzzled.

Enquiries on the subject of lost or strayed dogs should be made at the Depôt (Telephone No. 3248).

By order,

W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

Council Room,
Shanghai, February 18, 1908.

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MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION.

No. 1961.

THE Municipal Offices will be closed to public business, on GOOD FRIDAY, April 9, and EASTER MONDAY, April 12.

By order,

W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

Council Room,
Shanghai, April 8, 1909.

AT the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, March 31, 1909, at 4.30 p.m., there are present :

Messrs. D. Landale (*Chairman*)
H. De Gray
F. C. Heffer
W. D. Little
H. A. J. Macray
O. Meuser
W. A. C. Platt
J. Prentice
T. E. Trueman
The Secretary and
Assistant Secretary.

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

The minutes of the last meeting are read, confirmed, signed by the Chairman and passed for publication.

Volunteers.

Annual Inspection.—A note from the Headquarter Office, Hongkong, is read, stating that Lieut. Colonel R. Bayard, D.S.O., 2nd Battalion The Buffs, has been appointed to carry out the inspection of the Corps.

Engineer Company.—A proposal by the Commandant is submitted as to the formation of a Company of Engineers, to perform certain duties which under existing circumstances are to some extent left to chance. He has received promises of support from a number of residents of technical education, who, while not willing to join one of the existing units, are prepared to do service on these lines. It is recalled that a similar Company was established in 1893, and disbanded for lack of support in 1897, but, after some discussion, it is decided to sanction the establishment of the new company, provided that enlistments to the number of twenty-five are obtained without drawing on existing units. Little additional cost is anticipated as a result of this step.

Buglers.—Upon the recommendation of the Commandant, the Council approves the formation of a Bugle Band to consist of a number of trained lads, for use with the Infantry Battalion on the march. The purchase of the necessary bugles is authorized.

Staff.—Six months' leave of absence is granted to Sergeant-Major Studd with effect from May 14.

Police.

Japanese Interpreters.—In pursuance of the arrangement with the Japanese Consul-General set out in the Gazette of February 4 the appointment of S. Nakagawa and M. Nakai as Interpreters is authorized with effect from April 1 on one year's probation.

Private Roads.—A letter from the Shanghai Land Investment Co., Ld. is read to the effect that the proposed charge for policing the Jinkee and other roads in the ownership of the Company is considered excessive. They will, therefore, remain under the supervision of private watchmen.

Motor Car Licences.—Referring to the minute on this subject published on January 28, the Captain-Superintendent reports the arrangements for issuing new drivers' certificates for native chauffeurs as complete. It is therefore hoped that owners of cars will send their chauffeurs to the Central Police Station to renew their certificates as soon as convenient.

Mixed Court.

Native Inquests.—Letter from the Senior Consul is read, forwarding further correspondence with the Taotai on this subject, from which it is observed that while an improvement in present conditions is promised, the measure of foreign supervision which the Council has proposed, is arranged to have effect only when foreign interests are involved.

Shanghai, March 25, 1909.

SIR,—With reference to my letter of February 27, I have the honour to forward herewith for the Council's information copy of our last letter to the Taotai (March 12) and copy and translation of the latter's reply (March 15) in regard to the question of native inquests.

You will observe that while expressing the earnest desire to put an end to the malpractices in which yamên runners and others are said to indulge the Taotai persists in refusing to agree to foreign intervention in cases where no foreign employee or servant is concerned.

I have the hon our to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,
D. SIFFERT,
Consul-General for Belgium,
and Senior Consul

D. LANDALE, Esq.,
Chairman, M unicipal Council.

Shanghai, March 12, 1909.

SIR,—I have the honour to refer to the subject of native inquests which was brought into discussion last year.

In regard to the statement contained in your letter of September 29 that the procedure for holding inquests in the Settlement is always observed by the Shanghai City Magistrate without exception, the Municipal Council in a letter dated February 22, points out to the Consular Body that "this is shewn in frequent instances to be far from the case and that some light has now been thrown on the matter as a result of inquiries made in connexion with the dead body of a native boy, aged about six months, which was found on February 5 in a basket in an alleyway leading from Kiukiang Road."

From the Police report enclosed in the Council's letter and which embodies the statements made by the tipao functioning in the district and verified by the Municipal Police, it appears that whenever the case is an insignificant one such as the present, the tipao would get into trouble for reporting it and would have to pay $4 to the City runner, that every time the magistrate holds an inquests it costs him (the tipao) personally more than $10 in "squeezes" paid to yamên runners, chair-bearers and others, and that to simply report a death involves an expenditure of several dollars for the petition and for entry with it into the yamên.

The Consular Body is of opinion that in view of remedying to a certain extent this state of affairs, it would be well to extend to all Chinese cases where death is involved the new procedure accepted by you last year in regard to cases where the Chinese is in foreign employ and I am directed to express the hope that you will fall in with our views in this respect and that in the future the

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examination will be carried out in all cases by an official deputed by you together with an official deputed by the Consular Body, thus putting the matter upon a uniform basis.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

D. SIFFERT,

Consul-General for Belgium,

and Senior Consul.

H.E. TS'AI NAI-HUANG,

Shanghai Taotai.

Translation of a letter from the Taotai to the Senior Consul, dated March 15, 1909.

On February 11 the Taotai was in receipt of the Senior Consul's letter on the subject of inquests, to the effect that the Municipal Council reported that in every case of death the Tipao must give the Magistrate's runners and chair-bearers an irregular fee, to the amount of $10, and several dollars for presenting the petition; proposing also to request the removal of this abuse, and expressing the view that mutual investigation in all cases would be satisfactory, the Taotai and the Consular Body each deputing an additional official for conducting inquests as cases arise.

The Taotai finds that runners and others are not allowed to raise pretexts for extorting the smallest sum in excess of the wages which they receive. The Tipao is himself a person performing official work, and reporting cases of death for inquests is a duty which he should perform. It is therefore wholly inexplicable how it can be necessary for him to make use of irregular fees. The Magistrate has now been directed to take strict preventive steps, and to carry out a thorough reorganization, forbidding this abuse in future; and if there is any disobedience in spite of this, discovered either through investigation or accusation, severe punishment in accordance with law will follow, without the least lenience.

As to the procedure with reference to cases of death, this examination should properly pertain to local officials, for it is stated in the rules with reference to the establishment of an official for the Mixed Court North of the Yangkingpang, that if cases of death arise, their examination shall revert to the Shanghai City Magistrate for an inquest.

The Taotai has already, in deference to the Senior Consul's request, assented to the proposal that each side depute an official to carry out, with a doctor, a joint inquest on cases of death occurring among Chinese employed by foreigners, and the servants of foreigners. But this was a special concession, and where no foreigner is concerned the procedure must be carried out by the City Magistrate, thus preserving a clear limit and conforming to standing rules. A joint investigation, as requested, in all cases, cannot be assented to, and the Taotai has accordingly to address this dispatch to the Senior Consul, begging him to take note and take action accordingly.

Hotel and Restaurant Licences.

The minutes of the Special Meeting of the Watch Committee held on March 26 for the purpose of considering the issue of licences for 1909, are read and confirmed. The following new licences are authorized for issue :—

*S. Moutrie & Co. (Refreshment Bar)	3 Nanking Road	
Y. Kobayashi	1 Boone Road	
Mrs. Perlman	1-2 Fearon Road	
C. A. Biddle	5-7 Nanzing Road and 21 Broadway	
Kintaro Wakasa	42 North Szechuen Rd.	
*A. Popovich (The American Cinematograph Co.) (Refreshment Bar)	51-56	"
Mr. Seif	70-72	"
F. Davies (Burlington Hotel	173 Bubbling Well Rd.	

* Available during performances only.

Accounts Office.

With reference to the resignation, under medical advice, of Mr. J. A. Pond, Municipal Accountant, the following letters are ordered for publication :—

Shanghai, April 1, 1909.

SIR,—In consequence of failing health I very much regret having to request the Council to accept my resignation.

Dr. Marshall informs me that it would be very injudicious to remain in Shanghai, and that another cold season would be highly prejudicial to my health.

Should my resignation be accepted, I trust the Council will take into consideration my long service (I complete thirty-eight years to-day), and grant me a pension.

I am in my 66th year and must confess feeling the need of rest, putting aside the question of health, after so many years of responsible and arduous work.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. A. POND,

Accountant.

W. E. LEVESON, Esq.,

Secretary, Municipal Council.

Council Room,

Shanghai, April 2, 1909.

SIR,—I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of April 1, with regard to the resignation of your office as Municipal Accountant.

In reply thereto, I am directed to express the Council's regret that your advanced age and imperfect health render this step necessary; on the other hand it is realized that after nearly forty years' work you are fairly entitled to relaxation.

The Council takes this opportunity to place on record its high sense of appreciation of the manner in which your duties have been performed, especially during the past few years when the growth of the Settlement has rendered those duties more exacting.

Your present agreement has yet more than two years to run, and, in releasing you therefrom, the Council is prepared to issue to you the whole of the sum at present standing at your credit in the Superannuation Fund. Further than this, I am directed to state that, in recognition of your long and valuable service, conducted with integrity and unflagging industry, it has been decided to pay to you in such manner as you may find convenient, a life-pension of £500 sterling per annum.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

W. E. LEVESON,

Secretary.

J. A. POND, Esq.,

Municipal Accountant.

Opium Houses.

In continuation of last year's policy with respect to these establishments, it is decided that the third quarter of their number shall be closed on June 30, in the same manner as heretofore. Saturday, April 17, at 2 o'clock p.m., is fixed for the drawing which will be conducted as on previous occasions in the Maloo Market.

Road Extensions and Widenings.

Honan Road.—Arrangements have been concluded with Messrs. E. D. Sassoon & Co., whereby a strip of Cadastral lot 128 at the corner of the Soochow Road, measuring Mow 0.042, will be surrendered at the assessed value Tls. 30,000 per mow plus 10 per cent, with the addition of a reinstatement charge of Tls. 252, or for a total sum of Tls. 1,638.

Szechuen and Sungkiang, and Shantung Roads.—The question of the compensation payable in respect to the scheduled portions of Cadastral lots 119 and 266 respectively required for the widening of these roads, will be referred to the Land Commission for settlement in terms of the following correspondence :—

Shanghai, February 1, 1909.

DEAR SIR,—There are two small surrenders, which have remained in abeyance owing to the death of the late Sir Thomas Hanbury and the non-receipt by us of the necessary power, which can now also be completed, viz., from Cadastral lot 119 and Cadastral lot 266 both in the Central District, and these strips can be surrendered at the assessed value plus 10 per cent for compulsory surrender.

Please give instructions to have the surrender Deeds completed as early as possible and oblige.

Yours faithfully,

for WARD, PROBST & Co.,

J. AMBROSE.

W. E. LEVESON, Esq.,

Secretary, Municipal Council.

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Council Room,
Shanghai, February 8, 1909.

GENTLEMEN,—In reply to your letter of February 1, and in reference to the compensation payable for the scheduled strips of Cadastral lot 119 required for the widening of the Szechuen and Sungkiang Roads, I am directed to state that the Council is of opinion that for the accommodation of a three-storied foreign godown and office building, such as have been erected on the lot, roads narrower than 30 feet would be inadequate.

For this reason I am to ask that you may be good enough to obtain the owner's assent to the reduction of the suggested amount of compensation by one-third, in recognition of betterment. Upon these lines the sum payable will be Tls. 1,287 for the area of Mow 0.039 involved.

I am, Gentleman,
Your obedient servant,
W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

Messrs. WARD, PROBST & Co.

Council Room,
Shanghai, February 8, 1909.

GENTLEMEN,—With reference to the scheduled strip of Cadastral lot 266, required for the widening of the Shantung Road, and to the claim contained in your note of February 1 for compensation at the assesed value plus 10 per cent, I am directed to state that the Council considers that a deduction of less than one-third of the amount should be made in recognition of betterment.

Even did the road consist only of Chinese shops and houses a width of 30 feet is regarded as necessary in the interests of the owners and in the public interest alike, but where, as in this case, a three-storied foreign building has been erected the Council is of opinion that the betterment I have indicated is unquestionable.

I have therefore to ask that you may be good enough to secure the owner's assent to accept payment of Tls. 513 for the Mow 0.028 involved.

I am, Gentlemen,
Your obedient servant,
W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

Messrs. WARD, PROBST & Co.

Shanghai, February 11, 1909.

DEAR SIR,—We are in receipt of your letter of the 8th inst. re our claim of February 1 for the strips taken from Cad. lot No. 119 for widening the Szechuen and Sungkiang Roads and which claim was based upon the assessed value of the land plus 10 per cent for compulsory surrender for the Mow 0.039 a sum of Tls. 1,930.50, and we note the Council is of opinion that for the accommodation of the foreign buildings erected on the above lot, roads of a narrower width than 30 feet would be inadequate for which reason you ask us to obtain the owner's consent to a reduction of one-third in recogni tion of betterment.

In reply we do not admit letterment —and we would point out that the only logical conclusion—based upon the Council's reasoning—we can arrive at is that had native buildings been erected on the lot no betterment would have been claimed, so it would appear that owners who erect foreign buildings in Chinese or semi-Chinese localities are penalised, and as we consider our claim a fair and reasonable one we cannot request the owner to consent to a reduction of it.

We are also in receipt of your better of the 8th inst. re claim for surrender ex Cad. lot No. 266 for widening the Shantung Road, and as this claim is on all fours with that of Cad. lot No. 119 our remarks in connexion with the latter apply to the former.

We are, Dear Sir,
Yours faithfully,
WARD, PROBST & Co.

W. E. LEVESON, Esq.,
Secretary, Municipal Council.

Council Room,
Shanghai, February 19, 1909.

GENTLEMEN,—I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of February 11 in further reference to the widening of the Szechuen and Sungkiang Roads ex Cadastral lot 119, and of the Shantung Road ex Cadastral lot 266.

In reply thereto I am directed to state that the conclusion at which you have arrived is at variance with the view which the Council takes of these cases. For even had it been decided to erect ordinary native houses on these lots, still the width of 30 feet would have been considered to be necessary for their adequate accommodation; and the Council in asking for a reduction of one-third for betterment followed the rule of thumb (so-called in the Award No. XLV of the Land Commission) rather than attempt the more difficult task of fixing an exact apportionment. Had this been done the betterment claim would have been somewhat greater, and thus you will observe that there has been no such penalisation as your letter indicates.

If, under these circumstances you are still unable to admit the fairness of the Council's offer, I am directed to state that the Council would prefer to leave the settlement both of these cases to the Commissioners.

I am, Gentlemen,
Your obedient servant,
W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

Messrs. WARD, PROBST & Co.

Shanghai, March 22, 1909.

DEAR SIR,—We have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of February 19 re widening the Szechuen, Sungkiang and the Shantung Roads, and in reply to same would say that our statement that owners were penalised if foreign buildings were erected in Chinese or semi-Chinese localities is borne out by your letter of February 8 in which you state "that the Council is of opinion that for the accommodation of a three-storied godown and office building, such as has been erected on the lot, roads narrower than 30 feet would be inadequate." From which it can only be inferred that had houses of a different class been erected there a road narrower than 30 feet would have been sufficient.

As we cannot, however, accept the reduction of one third proposed by the Council, we would prefer that both cases be submitted to the Land Commissioners, due notice of which you will no doubt give us.

We are, dear Sir,
Yours faithfully,
WARD, PROBST & Co.

W. E. LEVESON, Esq.,
Secretary, Municipal Council.

North Shanse Road.—The offer of Mr. F. C. Heffer, on behalf of a native owner, to surrender Mow 0.591 of land immediately north of the Haining Road for the sum of Tls. 1,500 is authorized for acceptance, upon the condition that the remainder of the holding be registered at the Consulate forthwith.

Tsepoo Road.—Negotiations with Messrs. Denham and Rose are reported as concluded for the surrender of a small frontage strip of unregistered land east of Cadastral lot 409, measuring Mow 0.07, at the low rate of Tls. 500 per mow, being the price fixed for the district concerned under the Taotai's proclamation.

Great Western Road.—With regard to the strips of Cadastral lots 1400, 1405/6, which are liable to free surrender under Article VI of the Land Regulations, an aggregate compensation payment of Tls. 1,385 is approved in respect to the re-instatement of the native houses on the lots, which were erected before the road was scheduled for public acquisition.

Myburgh Road.—Referring to the minutes, on the subject of the passage of this road across the grave-land of the Guild of Hot Water Shops, which were published in the Gazette on September 17 and October 1, 1908, the following letter is ordered for inclusion in the minutes:—

Council Room,
Shanghai, March 23, 1909.

SIR,—I have the honour to refer to certain correspondence between the Council and the Consular Body which took place in September and October last, on the subject of the construction of the Myburgh Road through the grave-land of the Guild of Hot Water Shops.

Proceedings in the Mixed Court in December, and the efforts of Mr. Li Siu-ma, the Assistant Magistrate, and Mr. Chen She-kwang, Interpreter to the Taotai, brought this matter no nearer settlement and the Council was accordingly glad to accept the Taotai's suggestion, communicated through Mr. Chen, to call for the intervention of Mr. Yu Ya-ching, who, he stated, had been nominated by the Viceroy to settle matters of this nature.

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In the course of the prolonged correspondence which this relatively unimportant but vexatious question has occasioned, the native authorities have produced and fostered the belief that they were persevering in earnest attempts to pacify a number of perverse and ignorant members of the Guild.

That they have studiously sought to convey the impression that the members of the Guild are in an irritated state of mind is proved by the remarks of the Magistrate in his letter to the Council dated August 21, 1908, when he urged desistance from road-making operations so as to alleviate public indignation, and of the Taotai addressing yourself on the same date, when he requested your intervention in order to avoid provoking trouble, and again on October 5 when he urged a certain course in order to prevent the raising of trouble. The same impression is conveyed in a letter from Messrs. Li Siu-ma and Chen She-kwang to the Council dated November 23, when they stated that the members of the guild were considerably disturbed and requested the Council to suspend action with a view to appeasing irritation.

When therefore on March 8, Mr. Yu Ya-ching, in his capacity of special delegate of the Viceroy, informed the Council verbally that the Taotai would give directions for an amicable adjustment as to the passage of the road through this grave-land, provided the Chapei Police might be allowed to cross the North Szechuen Road beyond limits in the course of their duties, it at once became perfectly clear that former statements as to difficulty in pacifying the members of the guild, were unfounded.

The settlement of this troublesome matter has in fact, as the Council has already had occasion to suspect, been deferred and prolonged for the space of nearly two years, not through genuine opposition on the part of the guild, but owing to a desire on the part of the native authorities to obstruct the Council's efforts towards the completion of a useful thoroughfare.

No more striking proof of the insincerity of the native authorities in dealing with this matter could, in the Council's opinion, have been afforded, than this proposal to barter a promise to withdraw the pretended opposition of the guild, for a special privilege for the new constabulary beyond Settlement limits.

It appears to the Council desirable that the Taotai be notified that in the event of further difficulties there can be no doubt as to his responsibility therefor, and the Council seeks the good offices of the Consular Body in conveying to him an intimation in this sense.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

DAVID LANDALE,
Chairman.

D. SIFFERT, Esq.,
Consul-General for Belgium,
and Senior Consul.

Tenders.

The following are authorized for acceptance :—

Repairing Volunteer Riding School mat-shed, Gordon Road, Koo Kao-kee, Tls. 356.

Painting seats and chairs in the Public Garden, etc., Koo Chuen-kee, Tls. 334.

Painting the Bandstand in the Public Garden, Joe Ming-kee, Tls. 90.

Supply of 2 twenty-horse-power "Rhodes" motors, with sliding bases, for Electricity Department stock, Messrs. Brighten, Malcolm & Co., Ld., £146.

Supply to the Electricity Department of 300 "Midget" cut-outs, Messrs. Scott, Harding & Co., £69.

Electricity Department.

The minutes of the meeting of the Electricity Committee of March 26 are read and confirmed. There were present:—

Messrs. F. Anderson (*Chairman*)
J. Grant Mackenzie
H. W. Pilcher
The Electrical Engineer and Secretary.

Therein is contained no matter of sufficient interest to call for publication.

Settlement Extension.

The following correspondence is ordered for publication :—

Shanghai, February 9, 1909.

SIR,—I have the honour to forward herewith for the Council's information copy of two documents relating to the question of the extension of the Settlement :

(*a*) letter dated July 3, 1908, from the Consular Body to His Excellency Tuan Fang, Governor-General of the Liang Kiang

(*b*) translation of letter dated July 29 from the latter,

the unsatisfactory conclusion of which reply was already communicated to you in a semi-official interview on or about October 7.

I beg now to confirm the request that I made to you at the time, that the Council be kind enough to let us have (*a*) their plans as to the extension in question,

(*b*) the conditions upon which they are prepared to agree in case a definite extension be granted.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

D. SIFFERT,
Consul-General for Belgium,
and Senior Consul.

D. LANDALE, Esq.,
Chairman, Municipal Council.

Shanghai, July 3, 1908.

YOUR EXCELLENCY,—During the last few years, the growth in various directions of the Shanghai Settlements has been continually brought to the notice of the Consular Body. Since the extension of 1899 what is known as the Northern district of the Settlement has developed to an extent which it was impossible at the time to anticipate. So great has been the congestion that not only have extensive suburbs sprung up beyond the boundary but large numbers even of the foreign residents have been compelled to leave the district and buy land and build houses for themselves outside the limits of the Settlement. It is to meet the wants of these foreigners in the matter of sanitation, police protection, and other conveniences as well, in the general interest of all residents in the International Settlement to whose health and security the conditions in these suburbs are a perpetual menace that a further extension of the area under Municipal control is urgently desirable.

As Your Excellency is no doubt aware the Settlement was last extended in 1899. The necessity of the extension then applied for was admitted by your predecessor, His Excellency Liu Kun-yi, who recognized that the conditions of foreign residence had greatly changed since 1845 when the original boundaries were laid down. It was only to the small portion of the proposed extension which formed part of the Paoshan district that he objected on the ground, first of all, that foreigners were not permitted to own land in the Paoshan district, and, secondly, that it contained within its limits the Railway Station and that, if the Station were included within the Settlement, it might serve as a pretext for foreign interference with the administration of the Railway. The reasons were not very cogent ones, but rather than prolong the negotiations any longer, the Consular Body reluctantly agreed to the exclusion of the district in question. At the same time it was explained to the Viceroy that in view of the growing importance of the locality which had been struck out, the Consular Body could not pledge themselves to accept this compromise as a final settlement of the question, and if, in the near future necessity of securing Municipal control over the suburbs in this locality should force itself on the foreign community, the Consular Body would take the matter up again.

Since that date the development of the whole Settlement, but particularly, as I have shown, of its Northern district, has been marvellously rapid. Its population had risen from 350,000 in 1900 to over 550,000 this year and, now in proportion to its area, it is one of the most densely populated localities in the world. It is not surprising therefore, that, in the opinion of all those interested in the welfare of this community the area of the Settlement is no longer sufficient for the needs of its inhabitants and in the interests above all of the public health an extension in the direction in which the overcrowding is greatest has become a matter of immediate necessity.

With this view the Consular Body is in entire agreement. The urgent need of an immediate extension of the North

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boundary, principally has been obvious to my colleagues and myself for many months past. The time, in our opinion, has now come when the question can no longer be deferred. We have the less hesitation in bringing this application for an extension to your notice in view of the fact that the reasons given by His Excellency Liu Kun-yi in 1899 for refusing to allow any portion of the Paoshan district to be included within the area of the Settlement no longer hold good. Since that date permission has been given to foreigners to lease land in this district, and already practically the whole of the land lying between the Northern district of the Settlement and the Railway line is registered in foreign Consulates. The extension in that direction will not include within its limits the Railway Station or any portion of the Railway line, which is, in fact, the extreme boundary suggested for the proposed addition in that direction to the Settlement. The apprehensions, therefore, felt by His Excellency Liu Kun-yi regarding the possible effect of the inclusion within Settlement limits of the Railway Station need not be shared by your Excellency.

For the reasons given above we are convinced that the extension in the Northern direction (Paoshan) proposed will meet with no opposition in principle from Your Excellency. In case, however, it should be urged by you that the area which it is desired to bring under Municipal jurisdiction is already under the control of a Chinese Municipality I am instructed by my colleagues to state that the administration of this Municipality has not given satisfaction to the residents therein, and seeing that the conditions in the district in which it functions continue to be a menace to the health and good order of the adjoining Settlement, they are unable to admit that its establishment has proved, or is ever likely to prove, an efficient substitute for foreign Municipal Government.

Any alteration in the boundaries of the Settlement will involve an amendment of Article I of the Regulations, and, as under Article XXVII any such amendment must be consulted upon and settled by the Foreign Consuls and the Local Chinese Authorities before being finally submitted to the Foreign Representatives and the Supreme Chinese Government at Peking for confirmation, I have the honour, on behalf of my colleagues, to request Your Excellency to be so good as to instruct the Shanghai Taotai, or any other officer whom it may seen good to you to appoint, to enter into negotiations on the subject with the Consular Body so that an understanding on the subject may be reached at the earliest possible date.

I have the honour to be,
Your Excellency,
The most obedient servant,
D. SIFFERT,
Consul-General for Belgium,
and Senior Consul.

His Excellency TUAN FANG,
Governor-General, Nanking.

[*Here follows the Viceroy's reply, which was published in the Gazette on February 4.*]

Council Room,
Shanghai, March 11, 1909.

SIR,—I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt on March 6 of your letter of February 27, upon the subject of the Council's proposals for the extension of the Settlement.

Replying thereto I have the honour to state that in view of the Resolution to be brought before the Ratepayers at the Annual Meeting next week, the terms of which have already been made public, the Council desires to leave this question in the hands of its successors in office, and that a further letter will be addressed to the Consular Body on the subject in due course.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,
DAVID LANDALE,
Chairman.

D. SIFFERT, Esq.,
Consul-General for Belgium,
and Senior Consul.

Council Room,
Shanghai, March 29, 1909.

SIR,—In continuation of my letter of March 11, on the subject of the Council's proposals for the extension of the Settlement, I have now the honour to inform the Consular Body officially of the Resolution which was passed at the meeting of Ratepayers on March 22, wherein the inclusion of certain districts south and west of the Shanghai-Nanking Railway met with the universal approval of the Ratepayers assembled.

I need not dilate at any length on the reasons adduced for this measure of unification, for the remarks which I addressed to the meeting are fully reported in the local Press.

Referring to the passage in your letter of February 27, which reached me on March 6, as to a semi-official communication on or about October 7, I do not desire to say more than that I have no recollection of the interview in question.

I now, in accordance with your request, enclose a plan showing the Settlement as it at present exists, and as proposed for extension. Your further request for the conditions to which the Council is prepared to agree presents some difficulty, inasmuch as Settlement extension is urged rather as a matter of public necessity than as a concession to be sought from the Chinese Government for which a *quid pro quo* may rightly be demanded. I have, however, the honour to state that any proposals for the advantage of the native community which may be advanced would receive the Council's immediate and careful consideration.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,
DAVID LANDALE,
Chairman.

D. SIFFERT, Esq.,
Consul-General for Belgium,
and Senior Consul.

The meeting adjourns at 6.10 p.m.

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on of Infectious Disease.

The following have been reported during the week ending Sunday, April 4, 1909.	Death among Chinese population of 650,000	Cases notified among Non-Chinese population of 15,000.
Small-pox.	—	0
Cholera.	0	0
Typhoid Fever	1	—
Diphtheria.	1	2
Scarlet Fever.	0	—
Tuberculosis	13	0
Plague	0	0
Total Deaths from all Cases	118	1

ARTHUR STANLEY,
Health Officer.

Summary of Plague Prevention Work

during the week ending
April 4, 1909.

	District			
	Eastern	Northern	Central	Western.
Rats found dead and brought to the Laboratory for examination	127	267	103	39
Rats plague infected	4	2	1	0
Traps in operation	551	365	820	430
Rats trapped and burnt	114	210	315	148
Poisoned bait laid	52308	110180	137000	4340
Houses temporarily rat-proofed and disinfected under notice to occupier	153	211	90	43
Houses rat-proofed under notice to owners	0	0	0	0
Persons vaccinated against plague	0	0	0	0

ARTHUR STANLEY,
Health Officer.

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Public Band

Public Performances.—The attendance on Sunday, April 4, numbered 458, and the Hall was emptied in 4 minutes.

The programme for Sunday, April 11, will be as follows:—

1.—Overture—"Oberon"...Weber
2.—Intermezzo—"Tales of Hoffmann" .....Offenbach
3.—Selection—"Faust" ...Gounod

4.—Overture—"The Magic Flute" .....The Mozart
5.—Symphony No. 8 (Unfinished) .....Schubert

Conductor-in-charge, Mr. R. Buck.

Private Services.—The charge for the services of the Band is Tls. 40, and of a Half-Band, consisting of not less than 3 European and 12 Manila musicians, Tls. 25, per hour or part of an hour.

The services of a smaller number of musicians may be engaged at the rate of Tls. 3 per hour for European, and Tls. 1.50 per hour for Manila musicians. In a group numbering less than half the Band an extra fee of Tls. 1.5 per hour is charged for the services of the piano-player.

One rehearsal is permitted without fee, all subsequent rehearsals are charged for at half of the above rates.

For the services of a soloist an additional fee of Tls. 25 is charged, inclusive of such rehearsals as are necessary.

If special music is required special arrangement must be made.

Engagements for more than three performances during a season are subject to a reduction of 2 per cent, for more than twelve performances, 4 per cent.

For Sunday performances, or services involving merching through the streets double rates are charged.

24 hours' notice is required for the cancellation of any engagement.

The cost of conveyance of musicians for distances beyond a radius of 2 mile from the Municipal offices, Kiangse Road, must be defrayed by the persons engaging them.

The European musicians are allowed to give private music lessons, with the Conductor's permission obtained in each case.

Municipal Laboratory.

Analysis and tests will be made for the public as follows:—

1.—The right is reserved of refusing samples which may not be of sufficient public importance to warrant analysis.

2.—Where purity of food is in question, which may influence Public Health, analysis may, at the discretion of the Health Officer, be undertaken at a nominal fee.

3.—The locality from which samples come must be clearly described.

4.—Crushed samples will not be received for analysis.

5.—All samples analysed will remain the property of the Council.

6.—TheCouncil will not recognize any claims arising from results of analysis.

	Tls.
Water (chemical and bacterial):	50
Milk.	5
Butter.	30
Liquors.	40
Minerals, alloys, metals, etc.:	
Qualitative test for one constituent	10
Qualitative analysis complete	25
Quantitative analysis : each constituent	35
Coal :	
General analysis	35
Calorific value	15
Petrol, benzie, kerosene, lubricating and other oils:	
General analysis	50
Flash point only	5
Building materials: cement, mortar, lime, etc.:	
hemical and physical tests as to quality	50
Toxicological examinations :	
Qualitative	50
Quantitative	100

Fees for other examinations and any further information can be obtained on application to the Health Office.

Quantities which should be submitted for analysis:—

Milk and Liquors,	1 pint
Butter,	1 pound
Water,	1 gallon

When bacterial examination is required water should be sent packed in ice except in very cold weather.

MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION.

No. 1953.

THE Council is prepared to receive tenders for the annual supply of PORTLAND CEMENT in such quantities as may be required.

Specifications may be seen, and all necessary information obtained, upon application at the Public Works Office, Hankow Road, between the hours of 10 a.m, and 5 p.m.

Sealed tenders will be received by the undersigned not later than noon on Saturday, June 26, 1909, and should be marked "Tender for Portland Cement."

The Council does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender, or to pay any expenses which the contractor may incur in tendering. The contractor whose tender is eventually accepted will be required to give satisfactory security for the due performance of the contract.

The names of tenderers, with the prices quoted, will be published for general information.

By order,
W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

Council Room,
Shanghai, March 10, 1909.

MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION.

No. 1959.

ELECTRICITY DEPARTMENT.

THE Council is prepared to receive tenders for the supply of about 14,500 tons of SMALL LUMP OR NUT COAL, suitable for burning in mechanical stokers, during a period of one year from May 1, 1909.

Further particulars and all necessary information may be obtained upon application to the Electrical Engineer, Mr. T.H.U. Aldridge, at the Electricity Works, 31 Fearon Road.

Sealed tenders must be forwarded to the undersigned not later than noon on Saturday, April 10, 1909.

By order,
W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

Council Room,
Shanghai, March 24, 1909.

MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION.

No. 1960.

(Translation).

THE following new license conditions will be enforced from April 1, 1909.

(III) RESTAURANT

*4A.—That no girls under 15 be permitted to visit or frequent the premises for the purpose of singing or otherwise entertaining customers.

* Applicable only to premises used by Chinese.

(X) NATIVE THEATRE.

6A.—That no girls under 15 be permitted to visit or frequent the premises in company with the performers, or for the purpose of singing or otherwise entertaining the audience.

By order,
W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

Council Room,
Shanghai, April 1, 1909.

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AT the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, April 7, 1909, at 4.30 p.m., there are present :

Messrs. D. Landale (*Chairman*)
H. De Gray
F. C. Heffer
W. D. Little
H. A. J. Macray
O. Meuser
W. A. C. Platt
J. Prentice
T. E. Trueman
The Secretary and
Assistant Secretary.

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

The minutes of the last meeting are read, confirmed, signed by the Chairman and passed for publication.

Settlement Extension

The following further letter to the Consular Body on this subject is ordered for publication :—

Council Room,

Shanghai, April 8, 1909.

SIR,—With reference to the correspondence published in this morning's Municipal Gazette, on the subject of the extension of the Settlement, I have the honour in the name of the Council to request that the Consular Body, apart from any negotiations or action which may be taken locally, may be good enough to transmit the text of the Resolution which was passed by the Ratepayers on March 22, to the representatives of the Treaty Powers in Peking.

To this end I have the honour to enclose two copies of the Report of the Meeting, so that the actual evidence of the unanimous wish of the electorate may be known to Their Excellencies the Ministers.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

DAVID LANDALE,

Chairman.

D. SIFFERT, Esq.,
Consul-General for Belgium,
and Senior Consul.

Police

Foreign Branch.—Constable Heskin is permitted to terminate his service with effect from April 10, upon refund of the expenses connected with his appointment.

Six months' leave of absence is granted to Inspector Mackintosh under medical advice with effect from April 9.

Uniform.—A report by the Captain-Superintendent refers to the advisability, for reasons stated, of discarding the use of military officers' badges of rank and this recommendation is endorsed.

Ammunition. — Proposals by the Captain-Superintendent are submitted for regulating the use of ammunition by the Force in the Annual Musketry and Revolver Course, limiting the number of rounds to be expended, and providing that the ammunition used in competitions by members of the Police Shooting Club over and above this fixed quantity be paid for, half by themselves, and half out of the Recreation Fund. The following scale is therefore approved :—

Rifle Ammunition :—
Foreigners 42 rounds per man per annum
Sikhs 25 " " " " "
Revolver Ammunition :—
Foreigners 30 rounds per man per annum
Sikhs 30 " " " " "

Indents.—Nos. 18, 26, 28 and 31 for the purchase of 50 rifles and bayonets for £301 as provided in the Budget ; for constables' greatcoats and capes for £135, for troopers' cloaks £40; and for boots and other stores from Messrs. Cooper Allen & Co., Rupees 3,948 are submitted and approved.

Eastern Depôt.—At the recommendation of the Captain-Superintendent it is decided forthwith to raise the site of this property by convict labour.

Dog Destruction.—In accordance with the Watch Committee's instructions, particulars of a lethal chamber obtained from the Dogs Home at Battersea are submitted, from which it appears that it can be obtained at a cost of £75, and is capable of destroying a number of dogs at a time. Since the present method of destroying dogs is considered to be inhumane and in need of change, it is decided to make provision for this purchase in the Budget for 1910, and, in the meanwhile, to arrange for the disposal of the animals by poisoning.

Indian Branch—Change of Name.—A proposal by the Captain-Superintendent to substitute the word "Sikh" for "Indian" in the title of this Branch is approved.

Alhambra.

With reference to the recent Resolution of the Ratepayers, it is decided again to address the Consular Body, pressing for definite information as to the course of action which may be adopted in order to comply with the imperative requirements of the public in the matter of terminating the public gambling at this institution :—

Council Room,

Shanghai, April 9, 1909.

SIR,—I have the honour on behalf of the Council to communicate to the Consular Body, herein enclosed, the text of the recent Resolution passed at the Annual Meeting of Ratepayers, on the subject of the public roulette tables which continue open at the "Alhambra" in the Siccawei Road.

The Council was informed in your letter of September 8 that this matter is receiving earnest consideration at the hands of your colleagues and yourself, but the lapse of time since that date justifies the belief that the difficulties which the subject has presented for so many years are still unsurmountable.

I have, therefore, the honour to request that the Council may be informed what steps, if any, may be taken with a view to giving effect to the very strong and unanimous expression of public opinion which the discussion has evoked, and that, if necessary, an official communication on the subject may be addressed to the representatives of the Treaty Powers in Peking.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

DAVID LANDALE,

Chairman.

D. SIFFERT, Esq.,
Consul-General for Belgium,
and Senior Consul.

Policing beyond Limits.

The correspondence with the native authorities as to the disturbance which took place near the Public Swimming Bath on March 13, and which was the subject of a hearing in the Mixed Court on March 15, is as follows:—

Shanghai, March 29, 1909.

SIR,—I have the honour to forward herewith for your consideration and reply copy and translation of a letter

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received from the Taotai regarding a police incident which is said to have taken place on March 13 on a road off North Szechuen Road extension.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,
D. SIFFERT,
Consul-General for Belgium, and Senior Consul.

D. LANDALE, Esq.,
Chairman, Municipal Council.

Translation of letter from Taotai Tsai Nai-huang to the Senior Consul, dated March 18, 1909.

The Taotai has to state that on March 14 he was in receipt of a letter from the Central Office of the Shanghai Constabulary as follows :—

"In the neighbourhood of the "Shanghai-Nanking Railway there is "a transverse road at a point which has "hitherto been passed by the patrols of "the Chinese Settlement, while the "refuse thrown out by the houses on "both sides has been carried away "regularly by the road-cleaning em-"ployees of the office, with due regard "to sanitation.

"On March 13 at 3 o'clock there "were labourers at this point filling in "ashes under conditions pointing to the "construction of a road. Constables "Li Wen-ching and Chang Ching "proceeded there in order to investigate, "when suddenly two foreigners came "who without being in the uniform of "the foreign Police, seized the con-"stables, in order to take them to the "police-station; and when the con-"stables did not submit, several Indian "Police came and dragging them by "the queues and treating them im-"politely and with insults, imprisoned "them in the Hongkew Police Station. "An official was sent to explain that if "they were released they would be "instructed to appear on March 15, "that is to say on Monday, at the "Mixed Court for examination; and "the Central Office now requests that "a letter be addressed to the Senior "Consul to give directions that the "work be at once stopped at the "proposed continuation of this new "road, constructed as an encroachment "in the neighbourhood of North "Szechuen Road, and that the two "Policemen who without reason arrested "and insulted the constables, be "punished in accordance with rules."

The Taotai finds that the north part of the North Szechuen Road is, to start with, the Chinese Settlement, and that this road is for the time being treated as before merely because it was constructed by the Municipal Council before the establishment of the Constabulary. The transverse road in the neighbourhood of the railway is very far distant from the situation of the road formerly constructed by the Council, and road-cleaning and patrol at this point have hitherto come under the control of the Chinese Office; the Council should not therefore encroach beyond the boundary and construct this road, and the Taotai has to request the Senior Consul promptly to give instructions that the work be stopped in order to conform with standing rules.

The conduct of Constable Li Wen-ching and the other, who on this occasion went to the spot to inspect, was moreover not improper, and it is not clear upon what ground the Indian Police of the Settlement could without reason insult them and confine them in the police-station; action which is wholly unreasonable. The Taotai has, therefore, to request that this point also be investigated, in the interests of justice and with a view to removing contention.

This communication is accordingly addressed to the Senior Consul, begging him kindly to take note and oblige with a reply.

Council Room,
Shanghai, April 5, 1909.

SIR,—I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of March 29 enclosing a communication from the Taotai on the subject of the recent affair between the Police and the Chapei Constabulary on the road leading from the North Szechuen Road to the level crossing where formerly stood the Rifle Range Railway Station.

This case was before the Mixed Court on March 15, when it was explained that the road in question is wholly municipal property being covered by consular title-deed No. 57, Paoshan. I have, therefore, little to add in reply to the Taotai's dispatch beyond repeating the request that, pending the extension of the Settlement to include this district, the native authorities will forbear from molesting municipal servants in the execution of their duties therein, and will refrain from usurping the functions of the Police upon roads controlled by the Council.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,
DAVID LANDALE,
Chairman.

D. SIFFERT, Esq.,
Consul-General for Belgium,
and Senior Consul.

Accounts Office.

A letter of thanks is read from Mr. Pond for the Council's offer of a pension, and stating that he will be glad to give up charge of the office at the end of the current month, which arrangement meets with the approval of the Finance Committee.

Registration of Architects.

Further correspondence with the Consular Body on this subject is ordered for inclusion in the minutes :—

Shanghai, March 25, 1909.

SIR,—Our attention has been drawn by references in the local Press to the fact that the Municipal Council has not received our letter of October 6, 1908, in regard to the question of registration of architects. I suppose that this letter has been mislaid and I have, therefore, the honour to forward herewith copy of same.

I venture to express my surprise that in a question considered by it as important enough to require reference to the Ratepayers in March 1908, the Council has been so long before discovering that its letter of September 17 had remained without reply.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,
D. SIFFERT,
Consul-General for Belgium, and Senior Consul.

D. LANDALE, Esq.,
Chairman, Municipal Council.

[COPY.]
Shanghai, October 6, 1908.

SIR,—I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of September 17, forwarding a copy of the report of the sub-committee with respect to new foreign buildings.

By direction of my colleagues I beg to state in reply that the necessity of the proposed alteration in the Land Regulations is not, in the opinion of the Consular Body, made sufficiently apparent and that the existent regulations concerning the matter give the International Municipal Council ample powers if exercised.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,
(*Signed*) D. SIFFERT,
Consul-General for Belgium, and Senior Consul.

D. LANDALE, Esq.,
Chairman, Municipal Council.

Council Room,
Shanghai, April 5, 1909.

SIR,—I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of March 25, enclosing a copy of a former letter dated October 6, on the subject of the proposal to register architects practising in the Settlement, which I hasten to assure you did not reach the Council.

To take first the point as to my reference at the Ratepayers' Meeting to the interval which had elapsed since my last letter on this subject, I venture to remind you that the Council's dispatch of April 13, 1907, desiring the re-introduction of the bamboo at the Mixed Court, remained for more than twelve months without reply: that of June 29, 1908, calling for more regular procedure in regard to native inquests, similarly waited for nine months: while that of May 14, 1908, on the subject of the "Alhambra" stood unanswered for four months. While thus the case in point presented no unusual feature,

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I have to express regret that I did not find an opportunity verbally or otherwise to inquire what steps the Consular Body was taking in the matter.

Turning, however, to the question itself of the proposed amendment of Article XXX of the Land Regulations, which proposal has received the approval of a Special Meeting of Ratepayers, I have the honour to request that a fuller expression of the views of your colleagues and yourself may be given. The Council has, as you are aware, published a very full account of the difficulties which it is sought to remedy, and the change is believed to be legally necessary before those difficulties can be surmounted. If, therefore, in the opinion of the Consular Body, the desired result is attainable under existing powers, you will doubtless be willing to afford me the benefit of your further views as to the manner in which this may be done.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,
DAVID LANDALE,
Chairman.

D. SIFFERT, Esq.,
Consul-General for Belginm,
and Senior Consul.

Municipal Properties.

Central Offices.—A letter from Messrs. Hanson, McNeill and Jones states the owner's unwillingness to sell Cadastral lot 167 for less than Tls. 115,000. Under these circumstances the decision to refer the matter to the Land Commission is re-affirmed :—

Council Room,
Shanghai, January 9, 1909.

GENTLEMEN,—I am directed to address you, as registered owners of Cadastral lot 167, Central District, with a view to the acquisition by the Council of this corner site for inclusion in the Central Municipal Offices block, in accordance with the plan issued early in 1908 under provision of Article VIA of the Land Regulations.

During the last three months the property has been offered to the Council by certain land brokers at prices which are considered excessive, and having obtained two independent expert valuations, the Council has decided to make an offer to yourselves of Tls. 100,000 for the land and buildings.

If this offer is accepted I am to state that it will not be necessary to disturb the existing leases and tenancies at present, and, otherwise, that the Council will be prepared to make such arrangements as to the time of transfer, date of payment, and other kindred matters, as may be generally convenient to the owner.

If, on the other hand, the figure I have mentioned is not regarded as acceptable, the Council would be prepared to lay the case before the Land Commission for settlement.

I am, Gentlemen,
Your obedient servant,
W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

Messrs. HANSON, MCNEILL & JONES.

Shanghai, March 31, 1909.

DEAR SIR,—We beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of January 9 last in regard to the Council's offer to purchase Cadastral lot, 67.

We have communicated this offer to the beneficial owner of the property and after some considerable delay, owing to his absence from Shanghai, he came to see us some three weeks ago when we intimated to him the Council's offer to purchase this property for the sum of Tls. 100,000.

He then informed us that he was not prepared to accept the offer, but that he would in a few days name a sum at which he would take for the property.

He has not made his appearance since and we have to-day sent a message to him to come and see us.

Yours truly,
HANSON, MCNEILL & JONES.

W. E. LEVESON, Esq.,
Secretary, Municipal Council.

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Shanghai, April 7, 1909.

DEAR SIR,—We are now instructed by the representative of the beneficial owner of Cadastral lot 167 Central District to state that the owner is not willing to sell this property, but that if the Council should force him to sell, in which case he understands he has no power to refuse, he will be prepared to sell the property to the Council for the sum of Taels One hundred and fifteen thousand, subject to the existing leases, the longest of which has about nine years more to run.

Yours truly,
HANSON, MCNEILL & JONES.

W. E. LEVESON, Esq.,
Secretary, Municipal Council.

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Council Room,
Shanghai, April 12, 1909.

GENTLEMEN,—I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letters of March 31 and April 7, on the subject of the sale to the Council of Cadastral lot 167, at the corner of the Hankow and Honan Roads.

In reply thereto I am to state that the price which you quote, Tls. 115,000, is so far in excess of the expert valuations which have been made of the property, including an allowance of 10 per cent for compulsory sale, that the Council does not feel justified in accepting the offer.

Under these circumstances, and in accordance with my letter of January 9, the matter will be referred for settlement by the Land Commission, due notice of whose next sitting will be communicated to you.

I am, Gentlemen,
Your obedient servant,
W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

Messrs. HANSON, MCNEILL & JONES

Road Extensions and Widenings.

Soochow Road.—An arrangement has been concluded with the lessee of the premises upon Cadastral lot 299 Mr. Zee Nien-ying, whereby he has agreed, in lieu of other compensation, to set back a godown to the scheduled line of this road in return for the refund, by the Council, of the cost of rebuilding the wall, not exceeding Tls. 322.50, and the issue of a permit for the erection of a temporary single-storied building on a portion of the land surrendered. This arrangement is subject to the approval by the Harbour Authorities of the position of the building, and to its removal being at the discretion of the Council.

Dalny Road.—The surrender is noted of the scheduled strip of Cadastral lot 2120, measuring Mow 0.986, required for the extension of this road, for the sum of Tls. 1,500. Registered owner, Captain W. Frazier.

Gordon Road.—The request of Mr. E. S. Little is submitted that this road be metalled to its full width in view of the increasing traffic. The Council is of opinion that the cost of the work, Tls. 5,200, is prohibitive at the present time, while the traffic upon other roads in the Settlement which are still half-metalled calls for more immediate attention: a reply in this sense is therefore directed.

Public Lighting.

East Yuhang and Kalgan Roads.—At the suggestion of the London Mission it is decided to extend the lighting as far as Medhurst College. The complete scheme calls for 16 metallic filament lamps of which 9 only will be erected at present. Allowing for the removal of 4 gas lamps the net additional annual cost involved is Tls. 147.

Ward Road.—With regard to the application of Mr. R. W[illegible] that the lighting be continued east of the Gaol the Council is of opinion that the work may be deferred until the need is more apparent.

Yangtszepoo Road.—As a result of Police representations the lighting of the section beyond the Lay Road is authorized for revision and extension to The Point. The approved scheme calls for arc lamps, but it is considered sufficient for present needs that metallic filaments be erected. The number of lights involved is 29 and allowing for the removal of 24 gas lamps the net additional annual cost involved is Tls. 207.

Market Street.—At the request of Messrs. Samuel McGregor & Co., Ld. the lighting of this and adjoining alleyways is authorized. For the 9 incandescent gas lamps on brackets involved the initial cost is $360 and the annual maintenance charge is $223.

Bubbling Well Road.—In completion of the proposals formulated by the Works Committee in December last for the conversion to electricity of the remainder of the lighting of this road, directions are given for the installation of 27 metallic filament lamps and the removal of that number of gas lamps.

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Myburgh Road.—At the request of Mr. Sun Wen-ching the erection of three metallic filament lamps is authorized in this road, between the Avenue and Burkill Roads, at a cost of Tls. 81 per annum.

Public School.

The minutes of the meeting of the Public School Committee of April 5 are read and confirmed. There were present :—

Messrs. H. De Gray
Dr. R. S. Ivy
A. Sidney Wilson
The Headmaster and
The Secretary.

Upon the proposal of Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. De Gray, Dr. Ivy is elected Chairman of the Committee for the ensuing year.

Attendance.—The Headmaster submits the Attendance Sheet showing an average attendance of 327 pupils out of an average total roll of 368. Absence by reason of infectious disease accounts in a great measure for this result, but, upon the whole, the Committee is satisfied that the School numbers are being maintained.

Evening Classes.—The returns for these classes show that they were successfully held in English, Commercial Arithmetic, and Book-keeping and Office Routine, the lecturers being Messrs. H. M. F. Gray, A. J. Stewart and A. W. Menzell. With regard to the First Aid classes held by Dr. H. C. Patrick, a misunderstanding appears to have arisen owing to confusion between the classes held under the School organization, and that of the St. John's Ambulance Association. After some discussion, the Committee directs that the Headmaster arrange for the collection of the fees in the usual manner from all candidates not connected with the Volunteer Corps.

Athletics.—A new sketch plan of the proposed School pavilion in the Hongkew Recreation Ground, to be erected in the position already chosen, is submitted and approved, the Committee noting that the cost will not exceed the sum stated in the Budget, viz., Tls. 750. It is pointed out that sanitary conveniences cannot well be installed in so small a building, and the suggestion is adopted to cut or paint the words "Shanghai Public School" in clear letters over the entrance, to prevent the use of the building by the general public.

Student Mistresses.—It is noted that the examination for the Froebel Union Certificate will be held in December next.

Staff.—The arrival of Mr. A. R. Cavalier, the French master selected by Mr. C. S. Addis, is noted. He entered upon his duties on March 7.

Stock and Stores.—Indent No. 1 of 1909, for clocks and kindergarten material, amounting to £33.15s., is submitted and approved.

Library.—The School Library, increased by the recent grant-in-aid, now numbers, according to the catalogue submitted, about 900 volumes of suitable works.

Expenditure.—A member draws attention to the necessity for economy and careful supervision of all matters of expenditure, notably in respect to stationery, and the Headmaster undertakes to give the Committee's wishes in this respect his careful attention.

Electricity Committee.

A letter from Mr. H. W. Pilcher is read tendering resignation of his seat on the Committee, which will be accepted with the members' regret.

The meeting adjourns at 6.35 p.m.

Notification of Infectious Disease.

The following have been reported during the week ending Sunday, April 11, 1909.	Death among Chinese population of 550,000	Cases notified among Non-Chinese population of 15,000.
Small-pox.	0	0
Cholera.	0	0
Typhoid Fever	—	1
Diphtheria.	1	1
Scarlet Fever.	0	1
Tuberculosis	13	0
Plague	0	0
Total Deaths from all Cases	115	2

ARTHUR STANLEY,
Health Officer.

Summary of Plague Prevention Work

during the week ending April 11, 1909.

	District			
	Eastern	Northern	Central	Western.
Rats found dead and brought to the Laboratory for examination	121	243	129	17
Rats plague infected	4	2	0	0
Traps in operation	558	360	820	430
Rats trapped and burnt	96	142	99	125
Poisoned baits laid	56964	100920	239000	4440
Houses temporarily rat-proofed and disinfected under notice to occupier	149	198	19	41
Houses-rat-proofed under notice to owners	0	0	0	0
Person vaccinated against plague	0	0	0	0

ARTHUR STANLEY,
Health Officer.

Public Band.

Public Performances.—The attendance on Sunday, April 11, numbered 481, and the Hall was emptied in 4 minutes.

The programme for Sunday, April 18, will be as follows :—

1.—Overture—"William Tell" .....Rossini
2.—(a) "Solitude sur la Montagne" .....Svendsen
(b) "Aubade Printaniere" .....Lacombe
3.—Selection—"Cavalleria Rusticana".....Mascagni

4.—Overture—"The Naiads" {Sterndale Bennett
5.—Selection from the Incidental Music to "Peer Gynt" .....Grieg
(a) The Death of Ase.
(b) In the Hall of the Mountain King.
6.—March of the Bojars.....Halvorsen

Conductor-in-charge, Mr. R. BUCK.

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Licensed Hotel and Taverns.				Concreteware Manufactory.	
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[illegible] District.					
Freeman's Bungalow	T. Freeman	British	FA3 Yuyuen Road	Mafoos, Coolies, etc. ...	92
				Total ...	1,883

A. JOHNSFORD,
Overseer of Taxes.

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Licensed Hotel and Taverns.

Name of Establishment	Proprietor	Nationality	Address.
Central District.			
Kalee Hotel	Kalee Ld.	British	25A Kiangse Road
Lyceum Theatre Bar	Amateur Dramatic Club	—	19 Museum Road
Palace Hotel	Central Stores, Ld.	British	2 Nanking Road
Concert Hall Bar	S. Moutrie & Co., Ld.	do.	5 & 6 do.
Central Bar and Billiard Room	Central Stores, Ld.	do.	8 do.
Globe Hotel	Mrs. L. Diamantidis	French	P366 do.
Grand Hotel Continental	J. Rodinis	do.	89/90 Szechuen Road
Northern District.			
	R. L. Neumann	German	14 Astor Road
	Y. Kobayashi	Japanese	K1 Boone Road
Naval Club	Shanstrom & Dawson	American	10A & 10B do.
Concordia Hotel	D. Abramovitch	French	K14 do.
Astor House Annex	Astor House Hotel Co., Ld.	British	15 Broadway
New Travellers' Hotel	Mrs. F. Perlman	Russian	1 & 2 Fearon Road
Europe Hotel	L. Goetschel	German	1c Minghong Road
	C. A. Biddle	American	5/7 Nanzing Rd. & 21 Broadway
	Kintaro Wakasa	Japanese	42 N. Szechuen Rd.
American Cinematograph Bar	A. Popovich	Austrian	51/6 do.
	Mrs. Ida Seif	do.	70/1 do.
Cosmopolitan Hotel	Mrs. C. Katz	Russian	10 Seward Road
Astor House Hotel	Astor House Hotel Co., Ld.	British	7 Whangpoo Rd.
Eastern District.			
Universal Hotel.	Mrs. G. Berkovitz	French	35 Broadway East
Point Hotel	Fritz Pasche	German	93 do.
Western District.			
Grand Hotel	Central Stores Ld.	British	1/9 Bubbling Well Rd.
Sunlight Hotel	Mrs. H. W. Papps	do.	162 do.
Burlington Hotel	F. Davies	do.	173 do.
St. George's Hotel	S. Hertzberg	Russian	205 do.

Licensed Restaurants.

Name of Establishment	Proprietor	Nationality	Address
Central District.			
Owl Grill and Oyster Rooms	G. W. Brush	American	B183/4 Kiangse Road
Bernardi Brothers	Mrs. B. Bernardi	Italian	20 Nanking Road
Northern District.			
	Mrs. S. Ishiwara	Japanese	K261 Boone Road
	R. Shiraishi	,,	K264/5 do.
	Mori Yoshi	,,	K2246 do.
	T. Sasaki	,,	13 Chapoo Road
	T. Shimada	,,	o.165 do.
	R. Shiraishi	,,	o.170 do.
	Miss A. Fujimura	,,	o.402 do.
	S. Mitsuyoshi	,,	o.450 do.
	Y. Nagasa	,,	S2 Fearon Road
	Mitsui Yamamura	,,	S361 do.
	Tame Terado	,,	KK12 Market Road
Tokiwa Hotel	T. Tokiwa	,,	18 O. China Street
Tanaka Hotel	K. Tanaka	,,	1/2 Seward Road
Hayokwan Hotel	J. Yomeda	,,	5 do.
	S. Aikawa	,,	J3207 do.
Eastern District.			
	Takino Taki	,,	A287 Broadway East
Western District.			
Freeman's Bungalow	T. Freeman	British	FA3 Yuyuen Road

A. JOHNSFORD,
Overseer of Taxes.

Concreteware Manufactory.

The following is the Price List of drain pipes and other articles manufactured. The prices quoted are *ex* Depôt in Range Road near Woosung Road. Applications for delivery orders should be made at the Public Works Office, Hankow Road. All pipes and tubes are two feet long exclusive of socket.

Size.	Description.	Price.
		Tls.
12″	Pipes (machine made)	0.90
9″	,,	0.70
6″	,, (machine made)	0.40
4″	,, (machine made)	0.25
6″	Bends	0.70
12″	Inverts	0.75
9″	,,	0.50
6″	,,	0.22
6″	Knuckle Bends	0.60
4″	,, ,,	0.40
3′0″	Circular Tubes	7.00
2′0″	,, ,,	3.70
2′3″ × 1′6″	Egg-shaped Sewer Tubes	4.30
2′3″ × 1′6″	Egg-shaped Sewer Drain Mouths	7.00
1′6″ × 1′0″	Egg-shaped Sewer Tubes	1.95
2′3″ × 1′6″	,, ,, Inverts	2.35
1′6″ × 1′0″	,, ,, ,,	1.20
6″	Junctions, extra	0.30
4″	,, ,,	0.20
4″ × 2″	Pavement Tubes	0.33
No. 13	Yard Gullies (Fig. A) including cover	0.80
No. 13A	Yard Gullies (Fig. B) including cover	2.00
No. 19	Yard Gullies (Fig. C) including cover	2.55
	Revolving Top Gullies	1.00
	Covers for Fig. A Gullies	0.20
	,, ,, B ,,	0.25
	,, ,, C ,,	0.25
9″	Interceptors	3.45
9″ to 6″	Taper Pipes	0.75
6″ to 4″	,, ,,	0.50
2′0″	Gutters	0.45
4′0″ × 1′6″	Street Gullies	5.50
4′0″ × 2′0″	Kitchen Sinks	5.00
2′6″ × 2′0″	,, ,,	4.00

Report of Captain-Superintendent of Police for March.

Strength of the Force on March 31, 1909.

Officers	8
Foreigners	220
Indians	542
Chinese	980
Clerical and Teaching Staff	46
Mafoos, Coolies, etc. ...	92
Total ...	1,883

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Gambling in Li Hongkew.—In view of the discussion as to the capabilities of the so-called modern Chinese Police Force surrounding this Settlement, the following report may be found of interest.

The attention of the Chinese authorities has for years past been repeatedly called to this particular evil immediately outside the Settlement boundary, but with no result.

It is unnecessary to weary readers of Police reports with reiterated arguments as to the amount of harm these gambling sheds do, but it is no exaggeration to say that a very large proportion of thefts by servants in the Settlement are caused by the temptation to gamble freely held out by these native-owned sheds.

Whether the proprietors of such places are under protection for heavy bribes paid is a question which can be left to those who read to solve. The fact remains that they continue still to flourish in spite of high-flown proclamations as to their attendant evils.

"Dated March 12, 1909.

"I beg to report for your information that the Li Hongkew Gamblers have now established themselves on the boundary of this district only 40 or 50 yards distance outside the Settlement line. Gambling is carried on there daily on an extensive scale. This is done right under the eye of the native Police as there is a Police Station only about 300 yards from the spot. I understand that the native Police say the gambling is just outside their Police boundary.

"On the 2nd, 4th, 6th, 7th, 8th and 11th instants between 3 and 5 p.m. there were from 2 to 250 persons engaged there gambling. The majority of the men are of the very lowest class. This is a menace to the peace and good order of the Settlement and should, if possible, be stopped."

The Murdered Chinese Constable.—I am glad to be able to call attention to the fact that the murderer of the Chinese constable in Honan Road last January has been arrested. Great credit is due to a native Detective-Sergeant attached to the Criminal Investigation Department for the manner in which the case has been worked out.

The murderer of the mill manager at Yangtszepoo has not yet been arrested. There is, however, evidence to show that the murderer may have committed suicide very shortly after his attack upon the manager.

Record of Prisoners.—The following figures can hardly fail to be of interest to ratepayers who realize some of the avoidable difficulties connected with the policing of this Settlement. Between January 1 and March 31, 1909, no fewer than 1,514 criminals of the robber and loafer class underwent punishment and were set at liberty in the Settlement. Over 1,000 were charged for the first time. Of the balance, which includes 5 burglars and 54 street robbers, 70 were in addition to other punishments sentenced to expulsion. As is well known to residents of this Settlement, this merely means that these criminals join the horde for ever hovering on our borders, and continue to make inroads into the Settlement until they may have the ill-fortune to be captured and re-consigned to the prison whence they have just been discharged.

Fires.—The comparative record of fires is again a matter for congratulation. The following figures serve to show the decrease in the number of fires which have taken place in the Settlement during the last 3 years:—

During March 1907 there were 15 fires.
" " 1908 " 16 "
" " 1909 " 8 "

During the quarter ending;—

March 31, 1907 there were 55 fires.
" 1908 " 41 "
" 1909 " 12 "

Such continual decrease in the number of fires should cause a reduction in the cost of premiums which again may be a matter of interest to many residents in the Settlement.

RETURN OF CONVICT LABOUR FOR FEBRUARY, 1909.

Gross value of work performed for the P.W.D.	Tls.	1,246.80
Less, Wages of artisans	Tls.	68.73
Less, Cost of materials.....	"	284.55
Less, Sandals (road parties)	"	181.35
		534.63
Total value of labour...	Tls.	712.17
Gross value of work performed in addition to that for the P.W.D.	Tls.	2,396.42
Less cost of raw materials	"	1,512.73
Total value of labour...	Tls.	883.69
Grand total for labour...	Tls.	1,595.86

C. D. BRUCE,
Captain-Superintendent of Police.

Prisoners in Custody
on March 31, 1909.

Central Station	64
Louza Station	59
Hongkew Station	58
West Hongkew Station	35
Harbin Road Sub-Station	11
Wayside Station	13
Gaol	934
Yangtszepoo Station	11
Sinza Station	41
Bubbling Well Station	12
Total	1,238

Vehicle Licenses.

	Suspended	Confiscated
Ricsha	1,226	1,969
Wheelbarrow	18	—
Handcart	2	—
Total	1,246	1,969

Value of Property Stolen between
February 27, and March 26, 1909.

	Dollars
Stolen	34,599.74
Recovered	22,098.70

Warrants and Summonses.

	Issued	Executed or Served
Warrants	82	54
Summonses	268	171

Dogs.

At Kennels Feb. 28, 09	14	158
Captured	144	
Returned	14	158
Killed	123	
Remaining at Kennels	21	

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Return of Persons coming under the notice of Police for Criminal and other Offences.

Offences.	Foreigners	Natives	Total
(a) OFFENCES AGAINST THE PERSON:—			
Attempted suicide	1	2	3
Cutting and wounding		1	1
Assault	1	47	48
Abduction		2	2
Kidnapping		14	14
Cruelty to or trafficking in women or children		15	15
Rape (attempted)		1	1
Contempt of Court		1	1
Bribery		3	3
Bringing false charges		2	2
Absentees	4		4
(b) OFFENCES AGAINST RIGHTS OF PROPERTY:—			
Robbery		13	13
Embezzlement		8	8
Extortion		5	5
Burglary		37	37
Housebreaking		9	9
Obtaining goods or money by false pretences		18	18
Fraud	1	4	5
Receiving stolen property		13	13
Unlawful possession		49	49
Forgery		2	2
Uttering		5	5
Arson		2	2
Malicious injury		5	5
Larceny	7	330	337
Civil Offences:—Debt		31	31
Breach of contract		22	22
Others		23	23
Criminal negligence (fires)		1	1
Trespass		9	9
(c) ACTS INJURIOUS TO THE PUBLIC:—			
Common nuisances		1,462	1,462
Vagrancy	6	78	84
Returning after expulsion		26	26
Disorderly and improper conduct	11	146	157
Soliciting prostitution	2	36	38
Depositing garbage		28	28
Traffic:—Furious driving		24	24
Obstruction		1,602	1,602
Harbouring and assisting criminals		1	1
Dangerous to peace and good order of Settlement		23	23
Public gambling		100	100
Illegal arrest or detention		3	3
Cruelty to animals		3	3
Loitering for purpose of committing a felony		26	26
Obstructing the police		4	4
Functioning as police on land property of the Municipal Council		2	2
Selling lottery tickets		2	2
Landing material without permit		1	1
Storing straw in excessive quantities		5	5
Erecting buildings without permit		2	2
Miscellaneous		36	36
Evading license:—Liquor	4		4
Opium-shop		2	2
Breach of license conditions:—Dog	6	2	8
Club		1	1
Lodging-house		7	7
Opium-shop		6	6
Tea-shop		10	10
Market		12	12
Laundry		1	1
Wine-shop		3	3
Dairy		1	1
(d) NOT CHARGED:—			
Beggars, Hawkers, Ragpickers		3,303	3,303
Others	32	457	489
Total	75	8,089	8,164

Return of Sentences

Sentence.	Foreigners	Natives	Total
Imprisonment	6	417	423
Cangue		12	12
Expulsion or deportation	1	25	26
Fined	19	311	330
Imprisonment and cangue		13	13
„ „ expulsion or deportation	2	114	116
„ „ fined		1	1
„ cangue and expulsion		2	2
Bail forfeited		3,111	3,111
Remanded	4		4
Cautioned	5	31	36
Dismissed	4	51	55
Released on Security		46	46
Left to Court		51	51
Handed to parents or guardians		20	20
Sent to Reformatory		3	3
„ Slave Girls' Refuge		3	3
„ Sinza Refuge		65	65
„ Door of Hope		13	13
„ Native Authorities		15	15
Charge withdrawn		1	1
Sent to French Authorities		3	3
„ Hongkong		2	2
Summons or warrant withdrawn		11	11
Buildings to be removed by Police		2	2
License recommended to be cancelled		3	3
Appeared (witnesses)		2	2
Settled out of Court		1	1
Sent on board ship and fined	1		1
Remanded in custody of French Police	1		1

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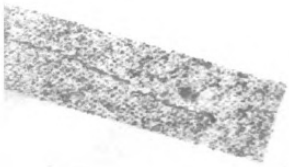

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FIREWOOD AND CONVICTS' FOOD.

THE Council is prepared to receive tenders for the supply and retail delivery in small quantities as required at all Police Stations and the Gaol, of firewood from 120,000 to 140,000-lb. per mensem until December 31.

The Council is also prepared to receive tenders for the supply and delivery at all Police Stations and the Gaol of food for convicts during three months from April 30 to July 31, in the following quantities monthly :—

Vegetables	3,200 lb.
Onions	1,500 ,,
Salt-fish	550 ,,
Beef	570 ,,
Pork	570 ,,
Salt	350 ,,
Bean oil	260 ,,
Tea	50 ,,
Rice	230 pcls.
Wheat	35 ,,
Flat Beans	24 ,,
Red ,,	16 ,,

Tenders in English or Chinese will be received by the undersigned not later than 4 o'clock p.m. on April 25, 1909, and should be marked "Tender for Firewood" or "Tender for Convicts' Food."

The Council does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender, or to pay any expenses which the contractor may incur in tendering. The contractor whose tender is eventually accepted may be required to give satisfactory security for the due performance of the contract.

By order,

W. E. LEVESON,

Secretary.

Council Room,

Shanghai, April 15, 1909.

AT the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, April 14, 1909, at 4.30 p.m., there are present :

Messrs. D. Landale (*Chairman*)
H. De Gray
F. C. Heffer
W. D. Little
H. A. J. Maclay
O. Meuser
W. A. C. Platt
J. Prentice
T. E. Trueman
The Secretary and
Assistant Secretary.

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

The minutes of the last meeting are read, confirmed, signed by the Chairman and passed for publication.

Volunteers.

Staff.—The commission of Captain W. M. Dowdall, Engineer Staff Officer, which expired on April 1, is authorized for renewal.

American Company.—A new commission is authorized for issue to Captain S. A. Ransom.

A letter from the Commandant announces the resignation of Lieutenant F. J. Raven, owing to the increasing demands of business, in accepting which the Council expresses regret at the loss of this officer's services.

"*B*" *Company.*—A new commission is authorized for issue to Lieutenant W. S. Burns.

Mixed Court.

Corporal Punishment.—A dispatch from the Taotai is submitted, quoting a letter from the Chines Chamber of Commerce as to the prevalence of highway robberies, ascribed to the inadequate deterrent effect of sentences inflicted in the Court, with the result that the Settlement has become a retreat for criminals.

In reply it is decided to request that the Taotai be informed of the Council's concurrence in these views, and again to draw attention to the necessity for the administration of blows at the Court:—

Shanghai, March 29, 1909.

SIR,—I have the honour to enclose copy and rough translation of a letter from the Taotai in which the latter apprises us of and shares the anxiety caused to the native Chamber of Commerce by the alleged recent increase in the number of highway robberies in the Settlement and I beg to ask for your views thereupon for the information of the Consular Body.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

D. SIFFERT,
Consul-General for Belgium,
and Senior Consul.

D. LANDALE, Esq.,
Chairman, Municipal Council.

Translation of letter from Taotai Tsai Nai-huang to the Senior Consul, dated March 9, 1909.

The Taotai has to state that on March 7 he received a letter from the Chinese Chamber of Commerce to the following effect:—

"A letter has been presented by Pan "Hsiang-sheng, the representative of "the silk-crape trade, stating that Wu, "Lien-ching, Manager of the Hung "Yuan silk-crape shop, was going along "the Bun Long Loong, i.e., the Shanse "Road, in an alleyway next to the "Huang Chuan Mo Wine-shop, on "February 28 at nightfall, when he "suddenly met a bad person who, under "the pretext of borrowing money, took "away his lamb skin jacket, and "wounded him with a knife in the "throat to the depth of about 3 fen, and "3 inches wide, the blood flowing "unceasingly and soaking through his "fur and wadded garments; then after "he had taken away the skin jacket "which already had blood marks on it, "and while still attempting to take "his fur gown, persons passed by in "the road, and on warning by his gang "he fled. Wu, suffering great pain, "returned to his shop in the Chung "Hsing Li and with one of his friends "proceeded to the police-station in the "Nanking Road, where the Inspector "seeing that the circumstances were

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"those of a sanguinary case, forthwith "sent detectives and Police to Shanse "Road to discover the criminal; and "ordered Wu Lien-ching to the Shan- "tung Road Hospital for treatment. "The doctor stated that veins had been "cut in two places, whence the un- "ceasing flow of blood; and that since "the wound was only a little distant "from the windpipe, it would have "been difficult to save him, had "somewhat more force been used, and it "would then have been a question of life "and death;—so that in the midst of such "unfortunate circumstances he might be "considered to have been very fortunate. "On the same evening in a pawn-shop in "the French Settlement the jacket was "discovered, having been pledged for "$2. A jacket thus dripping with "fresh blood should not have been "received in pledge by this pawn-shop "and there must be some complicity. "If the criminal could thus easily "pledge the article he can also easily "be found. The conduct of this pawn- "shop is most unsatisfactory.

"During the past year thefts of clothes "and knife wounds have been constantly "heard of, but the criminals have never "been severely dealt with. If the crimi- "nal is imprisoned in the foreign gaol "for a year or half a year, it is not easy "to see how this is sufficient to give "warning for the future. The gradual "development of the Settlement has "resulted in thorns on all sides, and "merchants experience sufferings and "alarm to an incalculable extent. He "therefore begs that a letter be address- "ed to the Shanghai Taotai begging "him to direct the City Magistrate and "the Mixed Court to make a strict "search for the criminal, take steps "to prevent further harm, and tran- "quillise the people.

"Upon receipt of this letter the "Chamber finds that the violent con- "duct of vagabonds in the Settlement "of late who, with their followers "dispersed everywhere, assemble in "bands and steal clothes and money, "using knives in the commission of "their crimes, is constantly seen and "heard of, such as on the night of "February 28, when it also appears "that an assistant in the Jen Ta house "named Lin Cheng-ching had a "squirrel-skin coat taken from him "in the Koo Ka Loong in "Ningpo Road. Shanse, Ningpo and "similar roads are crowded with "cash-shops, and this complete disregard "of law by collecting in bands, carrying "knives and holding up passers-by at "twilight, just at the time when the "people in the streets are crowding "against one another and rickshas are "colliding, causes fear at every step; "and not only prevents the residents "from living in peace, but causes it to "be well-nigh supposed in distant places "that the Settlement is a den and "retreat of robbers, the wide-spread "reputation of which has a bad effect "upon the market. Improvement in "this respect is in truth indispensable "for the preservation of good order, "and the Chamber therefore requests "that directions be given to the "English and Foreign Mixed Courts "to advertise rewards for the criminals "in this case, and punish them with "the extreme rigour of the law. It is "further requested that the Municipal "Council be warned to institute a "thorough search, and that their "arrest must be effected, so that they "may be punished and this violence be "put a stop to, thus protecting the "people."

The Taotai finds that the violence of vagabonds in the Settlement is a besetting evil of the place, and that when, in a single day, two cases of robbery occur, knives being carried for the commission of crimes, and wounds inflicted upon the victims, a place frequented by merchants is thus turned into a spot beset with dangers; and this not only prejudices the repute of the Municipal Council's control, but greatly affects the progress of Chinese and foreign merchants. It is therefore most important that severe steps be taken for the arrest of the offenders as a warning to others.

A letter has therefore been addressed to the Mixed Court Magistrates of the French and Foreign Settlements to arrange the arrest of the employes of the pawn-shop who received the blood-covered lamb-skin jacket in pawn, and investigate his case, taking measures for the seizure of the criminal who must positively be captured and punished. A communication has also been addressed to the French Consul-General on the subject, and the Taotai has now accordingly to address this dispatch to the Senior Consul begging him kindly to give directions to the Police to depute several detectives and policemen to assist jointly in carrying out a severe and secret investigation with a view to taking the criminal who must positively be captured.

Council Room,
Shanghai, April 14, 1909.

SIR,—I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of March 29, enclosing a copy of a letter from the Taotai, which quotes a petition recently presented by the Chinese Chamber of Commerce, referring to a recent case of robbery near the Shanse Road and the prevalence of such crimes in the Settlement.

In reply, I have the honour, in the first place, to inform you that the circumstances of the case in question appear from Police reports to be somewhat exaggerated. These reports are available for inspection if desired; they show that every effort has been and is continuing to be made to bring the culprits to justice.

In other respects the Council is fully in agreement with the views expressed by the Chamber, and the conclusion which it draws from the frequency of such robberies. It is indeed an undouted fact that violent crime in the Foreign Settlement, as the Council has so often had occasion to observe, can only be checked by punishment more adequate than the Mixed Court inflicts. Criminals are encouraged to resort here and to commit acts of increasing violence, in the confidence that if captured their treatment will in any case be light as compared with the punishment of the bamboo, and the severities which they would undergo at the hands of the native authorities beyond limits. The statement of the Chamber that the Settlement is coming to be regarded as the den and retreat of robbers is thus unhappily no less than the literal truth; and the Council foresaw this long since as the principal danger of abruptly ceasing, in the Foreign Settlement alone, the infliction of an ancient form of punishment, regarded by the masses as inseparable from the ordinary routine of justice.

Reference to the Council's letters of October 8 and May 23 in the last Annual Report will be sufficient to remind the Consular Body that, as occasion has arisen, the Council has never failed to express these fears, re-echoed now by the Chinese Chamber of Commerce: and I hope that so frank a statement proceeding from so influential and representative a body of native merchants will carry no small weight, and be accepted by your colleagues and yourself with the attention which it certainly merits.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,
DAVID LANDALE,
Chairman.

D. SIFFERT, Esq.,
Consul-General for Belgium,
and Senior Consul.

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Health Department.

Mosquitoes.—As a result of discussion as to the feasibility of inaugurating the proposed measures for the extermination of mosquitoes, of which an outline is given in the Health Officer's Report for February, it appears desirable that the work be undertaken without further delay. Arrangements are therefore in progress for the temporary transfer until June 30 of eight policemen, if possible holders of the Second Standard Chinese Study Bonus. These men will be selected from the number of volunteers for the work.

Eligibility for the Council.

A letter from Mr. Bourne, Chairman of the Ratepayers' Meeting, is read, forwarding a copy of the dispatch which he has sent to the Consular Body on the subject of Resolution XIV. This communication, together with a reply thanking Mr. Bourne for his services, is ordered for publication :—

Shanghai, April 13, 1909.

SIR,—With reference to the Annual Meeting of Ratepayers held on 17th, 19th and 22nd ultimo, I have the honour to enclose a copy of a dispatch I have addressed to the Doyen of the Shanghai Consular Body reporting Resolution XIV. Enclosure I was a certified copy of the Resolution as passed, and Enclosure II the printed Report of the Meeting signed by me.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,
F. S. A. BOURNE,
Chairman of the Meeting.

D. LANDALE, Esq.,
Chairman, Municipal Council.

Shanghai, April 13, 1909.

SIR,—At the Annual Meeting of Ratepayers held on the 17th, 19th and 22nd ultimo I undertook to forward to the Consular Body a copy of Resolution XIV, and this I have now the honour to do see enclosure 1 and pages 42-47 of the Report of Meeting, enclosure 2. In forwarding this Resolution I have the honour to call the attention of the Consular Body to my remarks on page 42 of the Report. It appeared to me that the Meeting, being a subordinate legislative Body, was incompetent to define its own powers, or to direct the Council and its officers to do, or to permit to be done, what they were advised was illegal.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient, humble servant,
F. S. A. BOURNE,
Chairman of the Meeting.

Monsieur D. SIFFERT,
Doyen of the Consular Corps
and Consul-General for Belgium.

Council Room,
Shanghai, April 16, 1909.

SIR,—I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of April 13, enclosing a copy of the dispatch which you have addressed to the Consular Body on the subject of Resolution XIV, for which the Council is obliged.

I stated at the Meeting that the Council would refer this matter to the Consuls, but, in view of the action which you have been good enough to take, this course now appears unnecessary.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,
DAVID LANDALE,
Chairman.

F. S. A. BOURNE, Esq.,
Chairman of the Annual Meeting
of Ratepayers for 1909.

Special Loan.

By arrangement with the Recreation Fund Trustees the balance of the Special Loan at 5 per cent, made by the Trustees in 1901, Tls. 10,000, which was to have been called up this year, will remain in the Council's hands for a further year, interest being payable thereon at 6 per cent, the rate now current for General Loans.

The meeting adjourns at 6.5 p.m.

Notification of Infectious Disease.

The following have been reported during the week ending Sunday, April 18, 1909.	Death among Chinese population of 550,000	Cases notified among Non-Chinese population of 15,000.
Small-pox.	0	0
Cholera.	0	0
Typhoid Fever	—	0
Diphtheria.	0	1
Scarlet Fever.	0	0
Tuberculosis	16	0
Plague	0	0
Total Deaths from all Cases	125	1

ARTHUR STANLEY,
Health Officer.

Summary of Plague Prevention Work

during the week ending
April 18, 1909.

	District			
	Eastern	Northern	Central	Western.
Rats found dead and brought to the Laboratory for examination	128	186	140	45
Rats plague infected	2	3	1	0
Traps in operation	500	336	764	430
Rats trapped and burnt	120	138	118	108
Poisoned bait laid	61507	95960	217000	4352
Houses temporarily rat-proofed and disinfected under notice to occupier	194	218	0	43
Houses rat-proofed under notice to owners	0	0	0	0
Person vaccinated against plague	0	0	0	0

ARTHUR STANLEY,
Health Officer.

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Public Band.

Public Performances.—The attendance on Sunday, April 18, numbered , and the Hall was emptied in minutes.

The programme for Sunday, April 25, will be as follows :—

1.—Overture—"Maritana" Wallace
2.—(a) "Star of Eve" ("Tannhaüser") ... Wagner
(b) Bridal Chorus and March ("Lohengrin")
3.—Fantasia—"The Merry Wives of Windsor" Nicolai

4.—Symphony—"The Military"..... Haydn
(2nd and 3rd movements)
5.—Overture—"Fidelio"... Beethoven

Conductor-in-charge, Mr. R. Buck.

Health Officer's Report for March.

The Public Health continues remarkably good. The prolonged absence from any serious outbreak of dangerous preventable disease is perhaps a record one. The Isolation Hospital has been comparatively empty for more than a year. There has been practically no small-pox this winter. A great deal of vaccination has been done among the Chinese population, who readily seek the gratuitous vaccination done at the Health Office and its out-stations. The need of Health Stations in the different districts of the Settlement is acutely felt, and, by the facilitation of vaccination alone, their establishment would confer a great benefit on the community, for it could then be confidently predicted that small-pox would be almost stamped out within a few years.

As regards plague nothing more can be said than that there is reason for believing that the outbreak among rats is being kept within bounds. There are signs that by the energetic measures adopted in the Central district that disease has been overcome, but in the Northern district the situation is not so fortunate, the number of plague-infected rats having increased. As regards the Eastern district plague among rats does not appear to have made further headway, while the Western district remains free from the disease. Plague-infected rats have unfortunately been found on the borders of the Settlement in the neighbourhood of Kaifeng and North Thibet Roads contiguous to the Chapei district and also in the neighbourhood of Li Hongkew. As nothing is being done in the way of plague prevention by the native authorities, rat destruction has been undertaken outside the Settlement with the object of preventing the spread of the disease among rats into these insanitary purlieus, which might become perennial pest spots from which the Settlement would be constantly in danger of re-infection. Close on a hundred dead rats obtained from Pootung have been examined, but none found plague infected. Among a few collected from the neighbourhood of the French Bund one was found plague infected. Being afraid of the native police our Chinese staff have been unable to bring any dead rats from the native city to the Laboratory for examination. No human cases of plague have been met with. In order, however, to secure co-operation with the special sanitary measures now being carried out, it may be noted that plague is essentially an animal disease and that the prevention of plague resolves itself into the prevention of plague among rats. It is, therefore, necessary to have the earnest co-operation of the public, both foreign and Chinese, with the present preventive measures in order to establish a successful issue.

As regards further work for the suppression of the mosquito nuisance, as much time as can be spared from plague-prevention work will be devoted to it. At the present time it would be highly undesirable to take any of the time of the sanitary staff away from more important work. Assistance has, however, been asked of the Police and the prosecution of a mosquito campaign depends on the men that the Police can spare.

Cattle plague, which has been prevalent since November last in some of the dairies, appears to be now over.

Here follow tables of Vital Statistics. Infectious disease and outdoor Sanitary Work; work done in the Municipal Laboratory, Municipal Hospitals and Slaughterhouse; and lists of Laundries, Dairies and Dealers in Perishable Foodstuffs, etc., licensed for the protection of the Public Health.

Arthur Stanley,
Health Officer

General Sanitary Work for March.

	District				Total.
	Eastern	Northern	Central	Western	
Vaccination against small-pox	133	113	126	97	469
Enquiries after notification of foreign cases of infectious disease	1	6	0	1	8
Enquiries after notification of Chinese cases of, and deaths from, infectious disease	23	19	1	10	53
Rooms disinfected after infectious disease	27	40	3650	18	3735
Articles of clothing, bedding, etc., disinfected by steam	5732	141	3066	23	8962
Houses cleansed and lime washed	68	1813	70	68	2019
Ventilation and lighting amended	0	7	0	7	14
Defective drainage amended	8	12	1	8	29
Insanitary wells abolished	1	0	0	0	1
Proper water supply provided	0	0	0	0	0
Insanitary latrines and urinals rendered healthy	0	2	1	2	5
Night-soil pits and kongs abolished	7	0	0	15	22
Exposed coffined corpses removed and buried	1	3	0	1	5
Smoke nuisances suppressed	0	0	0	0	0
Offensive trade processes amended	0	0	0	0	0
Beggar-boats removed	16	4	0	102	122
Complaints of insanitary conditions received from the public	10	9	6	11	36
Insanitary conditions reported by Health Office	39	46	0	15	90
Written intimation issued for sanitary amendment	21	20	0	16	57
Second written intimations issued for sanitary amendment	3	0	0	0	3
Notices of intention to proceed served	1	0	0	0	1
Samples taken for analysis	6	2	0	19	27
Pounds of unsound food destroyed	280	346	100	24	750
Hawkers brought into markets	155	113	80	2	350
Food prosecutions	0	33	0	0	33
House refuse prosecutions	7	25	0	2	34
Laundry and other prosecutions	1	7	0	0	8
Tons of ordure removed	1240	2550	1660	1116	6566
Tons of house refuse removed	2205	2370	4387	801	9763

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Deaths.

	Foreign. Resident.	Foreign. Non-Resident.	Native.
Small-pox	0	0	1
Cholera	0	0	0
Typhoid Fever	1	0	21
Diphtheria	0	0	1
Scarlet Fever	0	0	2
Tuberculosis	2	0	56
From all causes	13	2	293

Infectious Disease Notified Among Foreign Resident Population.

Small-pox	1
Cholera	0
Typhoid Fever	3
Diphtheria	2
Scarlet Fever	1
Tuberculosis	0
Beri-beri	3

Municipal Laboratory.

Small-pox vaccine issued	3017 tubes.
Vaccinations	601
Diphtheria Antitoxin issued	35
Cases undergoing anti-rabic treatment	1
Bacteriological examinations	60
Analysis	30

Victoria Nursing Home.

Cases admitted	29
Discharged	30
Died	1
Remaining last day of month	24
Nursed outside the Home	3
Daily visits	0
Nursing pre-engagements	1

Isolation Hospitals

	Foreign.	Native.
Cases Admitted—Small-pox	1	0
Cholera	0	0
Typhoid Fever	0	1
Diphtheria	1	1
Scarlet Fever	1	5
Other Diseases	1	31
Discharged	1	52
Died	0	2
Remaining last day of month	3	34

Report on Analysis of Water.

Sample received March 31, 1909.

Report sent out April 5, 1909.

Sample of Shanghai Waterworks Co.'s Water.

Physical Characters.—Yellowish green colour with slight opacity Slight alkaline reaction to litmus.

Solid Matter in Solution	15.8
a.—Volatile	8.4
b.—Fixed	7.4
Appearance on Ignition	Slight Charring
Total Hardness	8.5
a.—Temporary	4.5
b.—Permanent	4.0
Chlorine	2.6
Nitrogen as Nitrates	0.0445
Saline Ammonia	0.0035
Albuminoid Ammonia	0.0139
Poisonous Metals	Nil
Nitrites	Nil
Phosphates	Nil
Sulphates	Traces.

Bacteriological Examination.—Gelatine plates at 23°c. yielded an average of 22 micro-organisms per c.c.

Agar plates at blood heat showed 20 microbe colonies per c.c.

Organisms of the coli group were present in quantities of 3 c.c. and upwards.

Report on Analysis.—A sample of water of good degree of chemical and bacterial purity.

Slaughter-House Returns.

	Slaughtered.	Rejected at Slaughter-house.	Passed for Slaughter from Cattle-sheds.	Passed for Export from Cattle-sheds.	Rejected at Cattle-sheds.
Oxen	1311	4	1311	0	0
Sheep	2812	0	2812	12	1
Calves	394	0	394	0	0
Pigs	321	3	0	0	0

Summary of Plague Prevention Work During March.

	Eastern	Northern	Central	Western	Total
Rats found dead and brought to the Laboratory for examination	974	997	484	93	2648
Rats plague infected	22	14	4	0	40
No. of traps in operation	600	423	840	430	2293
No. of rats trapped and burnt	543	1070	521	745	8810
Poisoned baits laid	13280	25030	4840	19387	82319
Houses emporarily rat-proofed and disinfected under notice to occupiers	735	793	341	203	072
Houses rat proofed under notice to owners	0	0	0	0	0
Persons vaccinated against plague	21	22	20	15	78

Mosquito Extermination Work during March

	Eastern	Northern	Central	Western	Total
Stagnant waters on land removed	26	3	0	17	46
Stagnant waters in and around houses removed	1098	763	845	403	3099
Stagnant waters oiled weekly	0	4	0	0	4

Licensed Dairies.

Dairy.	Situation.
EASTERN	DISTRICT.
Riverside Farm	76 Yangtszepoo Road
Shanghai Dairy	" "
Inshallah Dairy Farm	71 Ward Road
Sung Shing Dairy	Thorburn Road
Yangtszepoo Farm	" "
Farfield Dairy	19 Kwenming Road
Wayside Dairy	1543 Tongshan Road
Tuh Shing	East Kashing Road
NORTHERN	DISTRICT.
Hongkew Dairy	N. Szechuen Road
Yong Shu Fong	N. Honan Road
Mo Hung Shing	N. Szechuen Road
Ching Kee	N. Honan Road
Hong Kee	N. Szechuen Road
Pau Chee	N. Honan Road
Shing Chee	N. Honan Road
Private Dairy	Range Road
WESTERN	DISTRICT.
The Farm	Siccawei Road
Crawford's Dairy	" "
St George's Farm	Bubbling Well Road
Swiss Farm	" " "
Culty's Dairy	Route d'Oumer
Lemke's (Private) Dairy	460 Ave. Paul Brunat
Hung Fei's Dairy	Bubbling Well Road
Yuen Sung	" " "
Zee Butler	601 Burkill Road
Gordon Rd. Dairy Co.	1128 Gordon Road
Yui Chong	756 Avenue Road
Fok Kyi	1401 " "
Hop Shing	1 Yu Yuen Road
Nee Shing	Markham Road
Yok Kyi	Medhurst Road

Licensed Butchers, Poultry, Game and Vegetable Dealers.

Butchers.	Situation.
EASTERN	DISTRICT.
W Futterer	1106 Broadway
Fritz Pasche	7 "
R. Neumann	Astor Road
Dzung Yung Chung	72 Tiendong Road
Kyung Yue Shing	671 " "
Tsiang Ka Va	672 " "
Lo Jung	957 Woochang Road
Sieu Kam Cheong	5 and 6 Market Road
Wong Yeek Sang	17 " "
Vee Ching Kee	1457 Woosung Road
Ah Sing	1578 " "
A. Pöhle	178 Boone Road
CENTRAL	DISTRICT.
Hop Foong	17 Maloo Market
Hong Kee	19 " "
Yeh Tai	27 " "
Tsin Tai	28 " "
Yong Ta	29 " "
Hopkins	1 Ningpo Road
Vegetable and Game.	
NORTHERN	DISTRICT
Tsau Sung Ling	677 Tiendong Road
Yue Ming Kwai	1451 Woosung Road
Vee Fah Kee	122 Market Road
Sau Z. Yoong	32 & 33 Miller Road
CENTRAL	DISTRICT.
Tsao Sung Ling	12 Maloo Market
Lin Yun Kung	14 " "
Tsu Chee Ling	15 " "
Vee Ah Sau	16 " "
Loh Ah Sau	8
Nui Ah Chee	9
Zung Tsau Ming	10
Yuk Yung Ling	11
Ah Wa Chai	5

Licensed Laundries

Laundry	Situation.
EASTERN	DISTRICT.
Ah Chow	465-6 Dent Road
Ah Kung	467 do.
Old Ah Foo	469-71 do.
Jackson	472-3 do.
Big Sam	56-8 Dent Lane
Jim	1858 Seward Road
Wo Yue	1859 do.
Yue Shing	1860 do.
Ching Kee	1861 do.
Mew Shing	1862 do.
Ah Ling	1863 do.
Big Jim	1192 Yuhang Road
Ah Kee	222 Tongshan Road
No. 1 Kashing	262-3 Harbin Road
No. 2 "	260-1 do.
No. 3 "	258-9 do.
No. 4 "	257-8 do.
No. 5 "	256 do
No. 6 "	255 do.
No. 7 "	254 do.
No. 8 "	253 do.
No. 9 "	251-2 do.
No. 10 "	250-1 do.
No. 11 "	249 do.
No. 12 "	248 do.
No. 13 "	247 do
No. 14 "	245 do.
No. 15 "	243-4 do.
No. 16 "	242 do.
No. 17 "	241 do.
No. 18 "	240 do.
No. 19 "	239 do
Nos. 20-50 "	237-234 do.
NORTHERN	DISTRICT.
Yak Shing	846 Woosung Road
Miller	308 Miller Road
Chin Kee	1113 Woosung Road
Wong Ah Sam	1381 Haining Road
Yah Tah Tung	Pd. 2818 Haining Rd.
N. Y. K.	N. Szechuen Rd. Ex.
Japanese	Pd 778 Elgin Road
International No. 1-13	N. Szechuen Rd. Ex.
WESTERN	DISTRICT.
Yung Shing Washing Co.	314-309 Peking Rd.
Woo Kee Washing Co.	259 Taku Road
Doo Foo Washing Co.	55 Yates Road
Ziang Shing " "	24 Weihaiwei Rd
Shz Shing Washing Co.	105 "
Yung Sun Washing Co.	204 "
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Summary of Revenue for March.

Description	Estimate	1909			1908			1907		
		Number	Amount	Total from January 1.	Number	Amount	Total from January 1.	Number	Amount	Total from January 1.
	Tls.		Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.		Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.		Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.
LAND TAX	685,400	—	19,369.95	19,372.67	—	7,849.37	7,849,37	—	13,734.53	14,133.30
GENERAL MUNICIPAL RATE—										
Foreign	499,800	—	44,235.97	58,831.31	—	23,522.56	24,918.01	—	33,819.71	34,204.16
Native	650,400	—	17,597.88	165,596.38	—	29,534.30	139,679.77	—	34,840.79	125,176.08
WHARFAGE DUES	160,000	—	40,019.83	40,019.83	—	38,529.32	38,529 32	—	44,496.99	44,496.99
LICENSE FEES—										
Foreign Hotel and Tavern	6,500	—	—	1,652.00	—	—	1,283.75	—	—	1,372.75
Foreign Liquor Seller	18,000	1	13.33	4,373.33	4	76.34	4,603.02	7	153.34	4,780.00
Restaurant	4,700	—	—	1,050.00	—	—	1,135.00	1	30.00	1,230.00
Billiard and Bowling Saloon	700	—	—	141.00	—	—	173.50	—	—	162.00
Native Club	4,000	47	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Native Lodging-house	6,600	1	10.00	1,759.00	1	2.87	1,273.23	3	4.70	1,195.02
Native wine-shop	16,000	6	6.50	2,588.00	5	5.81	1,917.46	3	2.17	1,921.37
Tea-shop	7,500	580	521.17	1,604.96	531	447.07	1,392.34	509	430.83	1,328.64
Foreign Theatre	1,800	20	240.00	718.00	14	144.00	552.00	9	129.35	296.35
Native Theatre	3,600	23	342.00	1,039.00	22	237.00	727.00	22	219.00	669.50
Pawn-shop	17,000	—	—	4,498.54	—	—	4,654.48	196	4,906.60	4,906.60
Opium-shop	17,000	185	817.52	2,50 .95	86	360.53	1,054.31	94	379.18	1,181.14
Opium-house	35,000	650	2,130.80	6,452.92	1,437	4,744.68	14,483.62	1,630	5,200.54	15,864.45
Cargo Boat	5,800	791	415.93	1,238.19	884	470.54	1,315.58	945	509.08	1,438.95
Ferry and Passenger Boat	1,100	58	84.56	261.82	55	78.97	244.04	70	101.64	301.29
Steam Launch	2,200	46	66.98	548.98	43	58.16	534.51	49	71.15	519.63
Native Boat	3,700	1,735	314.18	850.41	1,606	354.25	942.49	1,720	362.83	888.88
Sampan	1,500	201	146.12	379.61	214	155.40	417.28	253	183.30	515.55
Private-owned Pony and Carriage	14,500	P. 138 C. 92	445.57	4,031.05	P. 196 C. 165	413.17	3,010.38	P. 100 C. 76	219.18	3,071.34
Livery Stable	26,000	P. 760 C. 591	2,266.84	6,784.02	P. 807 C. 637	2,437.43	7,192.26	P. 844 C. 675	2,573.62	7,652.09
Motor Car	2,500	7	26.00	648.00	10	17.43	444.22	10	23.91	321.46
Cart	20,000	972	1,144.21	3,582.43	1,064	1,305.27	4,940.71	1,091	1,109.69	4,210.92
Private-owned Ricsha	38,000	214	395.06	9,747.81	206	251.96	7,673.79	119	119.48	7,889.90
Public Ricsha	107,000	8,608	9,355.26	28,032.25	8,417	9,173.74	27,620.29	8,204	8,945.84	27,126.02
Sedan-chair	5,200	57	123.41	1,198.67	17	45.75	1,457.96	136	288.53	1,541.22
Wheel-barrow	39,000	8,544	3,322.32	7,909.23	8,529	3,617.39	9,749.14	8,494	3,608.84	9,571.83
Firearms	2,700	—	—	600.00	—	—	—	—	—	—
Dog	1,000	126	91.85	412.86	307	222.88	538.48	71	51.47	242.05
RENT OF MUNICIPAL PROPERTIES—										
Markets	38,000	2,871	2,933.71	8,965.09	2,633	2,772.68	8,667.82	2,224	2,301.27	7,231.46
Town Hall	1,000	—	—	130.00	—	—	86.95	—	305.00	305.00
Firemen's Quarters	2,500	—	214.00	391.00	—	140.00	287.00	—	—	160.00
FROM PUBLIC COMPANIES—										
Gas Co., Ld.	6,000	—	494.49	1,479.91	—	480.70	1,435.47	—	455.07	1,340.10
Mutual Telephone Co., Ld.	3,000	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Electric Construction Co., Ld.	15,000	—	3,811.17	3,811.17	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total Tls.	2,469,700		150,956.61	393,208.39		127,450.57	320,784.55		159,577.63	327,246.04

A. JOHNSFORD,
Overseer of Taxes.

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MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION.

No. 1953.

THE Council is prepared to receive tenders for the annual supply of PORTLAND CEMENT in such quantities as may be required.

Specifications may be seen, and all necessary information obtained, upon application at the Public Works Office, Hankow Road, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Sealed tenders will be received by the undersigned not later than noon on Saturday, June 26, 1909, and should be marked "Tender for Portland Cement."

The Council does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender, or to pay any expenses which the contractor may incur in tendering. The contractor whose tender is eventually accepted will be required to give satisfactory security for the due performance of the contract.

The names of tenderers, with the prices quoted, will be published for general information.

By order,
W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

Council Room,
Shanghai, March 10, 1909.

MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION.

No. 1960.

(Translation).

THE following new license conditions will be enforced from April 1, 1909.

(III) RESTAURANT

*4A.—That no girls under 15 be permitted to visit or frequent the premises for the purpose of singing or otherwise entertaining customers.

* Applicable only to premises used by Chinese.

(X) NATIVE THEATRE.

6A.—That no girls under 15 be permitted to visit or frequent the premises in company with the performers, or for the purpose of singing or otherwise entertaining the audience.

By order,
W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

Council Room,
Shanghai, April 1, 1909.

MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION.

No. 1964.

THE Municipal Offices will be closed to public business during the race days, viz., Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, May 3, 4 and 5.

By order,
W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

Council Room,
Shanghai, April 29, 1909.

AT the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, April 21, 1909, at 4.30 p.m., there are present:

Messrs. D. Landale (*Chairman*)
H. De Gray
F. C. Heffer
W. D. Little
H. A. J. Macray
O. Meuser
W. A. C. Platt
J. Prentice
T. E. Trueman
The Secretary and Assistant Secretary.

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

The minutes of the last meeting are read, confirmed, signed by the Chairman and passed for publication.

Volunteers.

Commandant.—Referring to the minute published in the Gazette on December 24, 1908, on the subject of Major W. M. Watson's services, a communication from the Hongkong Headquarter Office states that the Army Council has learnt with satisfaction of the good work done by that officer while employed as Commandant of the Corps.

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Foreign Branch.—The reversion of the following to uniform duty is authorized:—

Sergeant Lesley with effect from March 24
Sergeant Prosser " " " April 1
Constable Mackenzie " " " 1

Constable Anderson is appointed Plain Clothes Constable with effect from April 15.

Sub-Inspector Bourke will take charge of Sinza Station with effect from April 9, and during the absence on leave of Inspector Mackintosh.

Mixed Court.

Custody of Prisoners.—The reply of the Consular Body to the Council's proposals for releasing prisoners on "ticket-of-leave" is read, expressing approval of the scheme in principle, and stating that its execution is left to the Magistrate and Assessors:—

Council Room,
Shanghai, April 5, 1909.

SIR,—The Council is desirous of establishing a system under which convicts sentenced to two years' imprisonment and over may, by good behaviour, secure some remission of the term.

The proposal follows the lines in force in Europe, which are generally admitted to be conducive to discipline and otherwise calculated to lead to satisfactory results.

The Police suggestions on the subject include provision for reports to be made by the Foreign Warders at the Gaol, under the supervision of the 2nd Assistant Superintendent in charge, upon each such long-sentence prisoner. Based upon these reports, it is suggested that marks be assigned, and release expedited, to the maximum extent of one-quarter of the whole term, in accordance with the accompanying code of rules.

The proposal has been submitted to, and approved by, the three foreign assessors who sit in Police cases, and I have now the honour to ask that the Consular Body will sanction the introduction of the scheme.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,
DAVID LANDALE,
Chairman.

D. SIFFERT, Esq.,
Consul-General for Belgium,
and Senior Consul.

PROPOSED RULES
with respect to
THE RELEASE OF CONVICTS.

1.—The term of imprisonment to which each convict is sentenced will be represented by a certain number of marks, calculated at the rate of six marks for each day of his sentence.

2.—His industry will be recorded by marks, and when by industry and good conduct he has gained the number which represents his sentence, he may be discharged.

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3.—Marks may be assigned to him at the rate of :—

8 marks per day for steady hard labour and the full performance of his allotted task ;

7 marks per day for a less degree of industry ;

6 marks per day for a fair but moderate day's work.

4.—A convict whose conduct is either indifferent or bad, may be fined a certain number of marks, according to the nature and degree of the offence, and will thus forfeit by misconduct some of the remission he may have earned by industry.

5.—A convict who by his industry earns eight marks every day and forfeits none for misconduct, obtains, therefore in every three days as many marks as represent four days of his sentence, and has gained the maximum remission of one-fourth thereof.

6.—On Sunday a convict will be awarded marks according to the degree of his industry during the previous week.

Shanghai, April 17, 1909.

SIR,—In reply to your letter of April 5, proposing to the sanction of the Consular Body a system under which convicts sentenced to two years' imprisonment and over might, by good behaviour, secure some remission of the term, I have the honour to inform you that while approving—in principle—of this scheme, we have decided to leave its execution to an understanding between the International Mixed Court magistrate and assessors, the several assessors to receive instructions to that effect from their respective Consuls.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,
D. SIFFERT,
Consul-General for Belgium, and Senior Consul.

D. LANDALE, Esq.,
Chairman, Municipal Council.

Salt.

The following correspondence, etc., is ordered for publication :—

Council Room,
Shanghai, March 15, 1909.

SIR,—I have the honour to enclose herewith translation of a proclamation by the Governor of Chekiang relating to the establishment of an official monopoly for the sale of salt in the Settlement, and translation of extracts from the native Press, giving further information on the same subject.

Towards the end of the year 1902 the Council addressed the Senior Consul in connexion with a similar movement on the part of the native authorities, and pointed out that the introduction into the Settlement of the salt likin administration would be a measure to which the Council, in the interests of the community, could not consent. The sale of salt within the limits of the Foreign Settlement has consistently been free from any kind of taxation, control or restriction, and the Council has in the past raised repeated and emphatic objection to any change in this direction.

On this occasion the attempt of the Chekiang Administration is particularly regrettable since there is evidence that the Governor is fully aware of the Council's attitude. Before, however, commenting further on the subject, I have the honour to suggest that the Consular Body may address an inquiry to the Taotai as to the intentions of the native authorities, in order to obtain some comprehensive and detailed account of the action which they have taken.

In the meantime energetic detective investigations are being conducted by the Police, with a view to the discovery of the eleven remaining proclamations, the issue of which is evidenced by the single specimen found, in order that these documents, which are not provided with your seal, may not produce the results intended. To the same end a Municipal Notification in the vernacular has been issued by the Council, of which I have the honour to forward a translation for the information of your colleagues and yourself.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,
DAVID LANDALE,
Chairman.

D. SIFFERT, Esq.,
Consul-General for Belgium,
and Senior Consul.

Translation of a proclamation by the Governor of Chekiang, dated February 2, 1909.

Tseng, Vice-President of the Board of War, etc., etc., Governor of Chekiang, also in control of the Salt Administration of the two districts of Chekiang, issues a proclamation giving notice that he has received a petition from the Expectant Taotai Chu Pao-san, with rank of the Second Grade, managing the office for salt affairs in the Shanghai Settlement, to the effect that "He is in receipt of the Governor's orders deputing him in charge of the Shanghai Salt Office, and as fixed, began operations on February 20, having already reported to that effect ; and now observes that the Settlement is divided into the English, French and American Settlements, and that as the locality is somewhat extensive, branch shops should of course be established for convenience in the sale of salt. It has now been arranged first to establish branch shops to the number of 12, all with the name of the "Fu Hsin Salt Shop "; and he now duly begs with deference that directions be given informing the Taotai to give instructions to the deputies of the English, French and American Settlements to give protection ; and that directions be given to the Transport Commissioner of the two Districts of Chekiang and the sub-Commissioner of Kashing and Sungkiang, and the Salt Superintendent of the Liu Ho, and the several deputies of Woosung, Sungkiang and Shanghai charged with the prevention of smuggling, without exception to take note. It is further requested that 12 proclamations be issued for posting outside the door of each salt shop. All shops not having a proclamation will in no case be allowed to sell salt by illicit sale ; and if there is any wilful contravention, this office is permitted to arrest and petition for the case to be dealt with, as an aid to protection, and an assistance in the permanency of the work."

On receipt of this petition the Governor has accordingly to observe that with reference to this Office of Salt Affairs proclamations have already been issued by the Governor and are on record. Having now petitioned with this request, a proclamation is accordingly again issued; and all residents in the Settlement and persons of all classes must know that all the Fu Hsin salt shops are sub-branches of the Office for Salt Affairs in the Settlement and that this Office for Salt Affairs has commenced operations after memorial to the Throne made by the Governor. The salt sold by the several shops is entirely Government salt, and they shall invariably buy it and may consume no other salt which is smuggled, thus contravening fixed rules. If in the Settlement there is smuggled salt sold, no matter in what shop, the Office is permitted to arrest and petition for the case to be dealt with. Further, if any disorderly vagabonds make trouble or disturbance at the branch offices, the latter will forthwith notify the Office, and after communication with the authorities they will be dealt with according to the law. Let residents and persons of all orders tremble and obey. Let there be no non-compliance.

To be posted at the Fu Hsin Official Salt Shop.

Translation of extract from the "Sinwanpao," dated January 16, 1909.

THE CHANGE WITH REGARD TO SALT AFFAIRS IN THE SETTLEMENT WHEREBY THEY WILL REVERT TO OFFICIAL MANAGEMENT.

The Viceroy has recently received a telegram from the Governor of Chekiang as follows:—

"Although the Fu Hai Company guarantees payment of over 5,000 yin in taxes yearly, it has recently been heard that certain persons have guaranteed to the Company to make a monthly payment of 1,200 yin per mensem, or in the year ten odd thousand yin which the Company will retain, thus involving loss to the Government of a large amount. The Governor finds that the yearly sale of salt in the Settlement can amount at least to over 10,000 yin. The reorganization of the

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Company has, moreover, been repeatedly ordered, and its regulations have been commented upon and criticised and are unsatisfactory; the only course, therefore, is that it should revert to official management for the benefit of the salt revenues. The Expectant Taotai Chu Pao-san, has already been deputed to take action in accordance with the regulations which at present govern the mercantile management of this matter, merely putting a stop with energy to retention of middlemen's profits; a separate official dispatch to this effect has already been addressed to the Viceroy."

Telegraphic instructions have accordingly been given to the Shanghai Taotai to submit the circumstances to detailed investigation.

Translation of extract from the "Universal Gazette" of January 16, 1909.

RE-ORGANIZATION OF SALT MATTERS IN THE SETTLEMENT OF SHANGHAI.

A dispatch of orders issued to Taotai Chu Pao-san by the Salt Superintendent of the two divisions of Chekiang and of Kiangnan, in connexion with the re-organization now in progress of salt matters at Shanghai, is as follows:—

"A dispatch is on record from the Board of Finance to the effect that in the first section relating to the re-organization of salt administration contained in the ten articles of the Statement of Estimate Revenue, it is stated that in the Settlement of Shanghai the resident population is very large, and that calculating the consumption at 2 cash per head per diem, 40,000 yin of salt can be sold per annum; and that since the merchants concerned report (and pay dues upon) only 5,000 yin per annum, the shortage is certainly excessive; it is requested, therefore, that the management be performed in a conscientious manner. and that the place be not allowed to become unproductive in respect to Salt Revenue, for this would be equivalent to relinquishment of the benefits and rights involved.

The Board goes on to observe that the sale of salt in the Settlement of Shanghai was in the year 1904 the subject of a petition to the Authorities by the Licensed Salt Transporters of the Districts of Shanghai and Nanhui, requesting that Yen Hsing-ching and others be invited to issue shares for the establishment of the Fu Hai Company, together guaranteeing a yearly payment of taxes representing over 5,000 yin, which, till now, during the last five years they have been unable to devise means of increasing, making provision merely for their private convenience and without advantage to the public funds. It now appears that certain persons have fixed a contract with this Company, guaranteeing sale of 1,200 yin per mensem, or no less than ten odd thousand yin per annum; but the leakage may be guaged by the fact that the Company guarantees taxes to the small amount named only. The designation of "Company' also has been criticised by the Board of Finance, and it cannot be permitted to remain in management. Salt Affairs in the Settlement have been investigated by the President of the Board with special thoroughness, and it is clear that since the population daily grows the sale should daily increase, and it is supposed that over 10,000 odd yin of salt can be disposed of in the year. Since the Fu Hai Company has practised misappropriation in the past, the present is certainly no time for its re-organization, and it is urgent that the Company should be abolished, and that the work should revert to official management for the protection of the country's revenues. It is found that the following officials appear to be suitable to be deputed in charge of the management of salt in the Settlement:—

Chu Pei-chen (Chu Pao-san). Expectant Taotai with brevet rank of the third grade.

Fan Fen. Supplementary Prefect of Kiangsu with brevet rank of the third grade.

Chu Chun. Expectant Prefect with the purchased rank of Taotai.

Tai Heng. Expectant Law Secretary to the Treasurer, with the purchased rank of Sub-Prefect.

Hsu Shih-ju. Magistrate in charge of the Conservancy of Waterways in Chihli.

These officials are made responsible for a comprehensive investigation as to the best method of complete re-organization, and the diversion of the present supply of smuggled salt into public channels; and when they have conjointly arrived at a suitable method of procedure a petition should be made for consideration. Besides giving the necessary instructions in the quarters concerned, this dispatch of orders is ccordingly issued for compliance.

Translation of extract from the "Sin-wanpao" of February 6, 1909.

A MEMORIAL WITH REFERENCE TO THE ABOLITION OF THE FU HAI COMPANY AND ITS REVERSION TO OFFICIAL MANAGEMENT.

In the year 1904 the salt merchants of the Western division of Chekiang petitioned and received the approval of the Chekiang Governor to issue shares for the establishment in Shanghai of the Fu Hai Company, guaranteeing a salt tax for the year to the amount of 5,000 yin. Tseng, the Governor of Chekiang, has now expressed the view that it is urgent that the management of salt in the two divisions of Chekiang should be thoroughly reformed, while the salt in the Settlement of Shanghai in particular should be subject to investigation, in order to ascertain the amount sold, thus avoiding the relinquishment of benefits and powers in this connexion. The Fu Hai Company guarantees only about 5,000 yin, and the Board of Revenue formerly commented upon this fact, regarding it as too small, while the designation of Company has also been criticised by the Board as unsatisfactory. It should thus be abolished and its management revert to the officials At the end of last year a supplementary memorial was presented by the Governor proposing that he should consider the matter together with the Salt Transport Commissioner, and stating that he had selected as deputy a member of the Chekiang gentry, Expectant Taotai Chu Pao-san who will be Head Manager in control of official transport, and will forthwith establish a Bureau in the Settlement, buying up smuggled salt and extending the sale of official salt, doing away with middlemen's gains and regaining rights and authority. This received the Imperial approval.

Translation of extract from the "Universal Gazette," dated March 4, 1909.

TELEGRAPHIC REPLY BY THE TAOTAI TO THE GOVERNOR.

With reference to your telegram recently received, the salt boats have already been released by the Commissioner. The stamp on the permits, however, weredated as of the reign of Kuang Hsü which, since it was in disagreement with the ruling of the Board of Ceremonies, gave the Commissioner an excuse. A letter has already been addressed to Taotai Chu asking him to arrange for its change.

The Shanghai Settlement has long since been under the control of the Foreign Council, and in matters of rights and privileges there are strong contentions, with the result that the Chinese tax offices have always been outside the Settlement. The origin of this is long since, and there is no means of saving the question at stake; while proclamations issued for posting in the Settlement must also be sent to the Senior Consul for signature before posting. Directions have now been given for inquiry as to whether on this occasion the arrest by the French Police of the Manager of the salt shop and taking away the proclamation is, or is not, owing to the fact that the matter was not discussed nor consent obtained. Thereafter a report will be addressed to you on the subject, and a letter has been addressed to the French Mixed Court directing thorough inquiry and reply.

MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION.

There have been certain reports in printing and writing that the sale of salt in the Foreign Settlement has been placed in the hands of a native Official Bureau.

These reports are rumours and are incorrect and untrue, for the Council has not approved any change whatever in the procedure heretofore existing.

This is therefore to inform the public that the sale of salt of all kinds is without restraint or restriction, and that in the Foreign Settlement all, without exception, are free to sell salt at any place and at any price they choose.

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If hawkers, shopkeepers or the like are molested, interfered with or intimidated in the free and independent sale of salt by any per ons upon any pretext, they shall at once hand over the offenders to the Municipal Police, who will, of course, arrest and deal with them. Let all take note in compliance.

Shanghai, April 19, 1909.

SIR,—I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of March 15, with enclosures, relating to an attempt on the part of the Governor of Chekiang to establish an official monopoly for the sale of salt in the Settlement.

The question is now receiving the best attention of the Consular Body and I am directed to request that you will kindly let us have the Chinese version of the notification issued by the Council and referred to in your letter.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

D. SIFFERT,
Consul-General for Belgium, and Senior Consul.

D. LANDALE, Esq.,
Chairman, Municipal Council.

Health Department.

Plague Prevention.—A report by the Health Officer is submitted with reference to complaints by native residents as to the method of carrying out the work of disinfecting houses and rendering them rat-proof. Therefrom it is clear that all possible care is taken to allow of house-holders carrying out the necessary measures themselves where they are able and willing to do so; due notice is given before proceeding to action, and, by the exercise of patience and tact it is sought to avoid offending the susceptibilities of residents. Certain of the complaints are traceable to inability on the part of one member of the staff to deal with house-holders direct, and his consequent dependence on native foremen. With reference to allegations of extortion it is noted that unavailing attempts have been made to obtain evidence in any specific case, while efforts are being continued to this end. Upon the whole the Watch Committee is satisfied that this necessary work is being conducted as smoothly as is possible under the circumstances.

Isolation Hospital.—The Health Officer draws attention to the necessity for effecting the purchase of Cadastral lot 1151, scheduled since 1906 for inclusion in the Hospital site. This transaction was the subject of correspondence with the owner in July last, and there is provision for the purchase in the Budget of Extraordinary Expenditure. It is therefore directed that negotiations be re-opened to this end and at Dr. Stanley's recommendation it is decided to proceed with the additional building, and alteration to quarters, for which appropriations of Tls. 5,000 and Tls. 6,000 also appear. Plans will accordingly be prepared for consideration at an early date.

Yangtszepoo Market.—The further proposal to purchase the land required for a small market in Yangtszepoo, for which a Budget appropriation of Tls. 5,000 is made also receives the Council's approval. Upon its acquirement the necessary building will be undertaken.

Pig Slaughte-house.—Letter from Messrs. L. Moore & Co. is read inquiring as to the Council's willingness to purchase the land and buildings occupied by the Slaughterhouse in Kashing Road which has repeatedly been under the notice of the Council during recent years. In the opinion of the Health Officer, reaffirmed in a report submitted, the slaughter of pigs for native consumption is adequately supervised by the licensing of shops, while the establishment of a public slaughterhouse would merely tend to raise the price of the meat without benefit to the native population. Under these conditions it is decided to decline the offer.

Latrines.—Plan of a latrine, of which the construction is necessary, near Thorburn Road is submitted and approved at an estimated cost of Tls. 600.

Victoria Nursing Home. Fire Appliances.—A report by the Engineer is read with reference to the means of supplying adequate provision against an outbreak of fire at the Home which has hitherto been entirely lacking. His proposals for the installation of hydrants on each storey are adopted, at an expenditure of Tls. 1,820. The cost of this work, for which there is no provision in the Budget, is large owing to the necessity for laying a water-main 350 feet long from the Range Road, but, in the discussion of the subject, the Council records the view that the work is of such obvious importance as to justify the necessary expenditure without delay.

Close Time.—Mr. Little having called attention to the fact that small birds have been exposed for sale in the Maloo Market nearly one month after the beginning of Close Time, the Health Officer explains that this point has without doubt been given less care on the part of the staff, as a less important item of their duties at present, and owing to the stress of the more urgent sanitary work now in progress; it will, however, receive attention.

Public Band.

The minutes of the meeting of the Band Committee of April 16 are read and confirmed. There were present:—

Messrs. C. Fink *(Chairman)*
F. J. Burrett
O. Meuser
The Conductor and
The Secretary.

Mr. Fink is unanimously re-elected Chairman for the ensuing year.

Foreign Musicians.—With regard to the agreements of 4 of the musicians which expire in December next, the Chairman has learnt that these employees are prepared to serve for a further period of three years, and renewal is recommended upon certain terms.

It is decided to apply for the 3 new musicians, as authorized in the Budget, to arrive on September 30, through the same agency in Berlin as functioned on previous occasions. These men will proceed by the Siberian Railway.

Manila Musicians.—The Committee notes the arrival from Manila on March 16 of the new horn-player Nemesio Perfecto.

Public Performances.—It is decided that after next Sunday, May 2, the weekly concerts shall be held at 9 o'clock p.m., from which date also the open-air performances of the Band will begin, upon the lines adopted last year.

The question of *Performances at the Races and Regattas* has been raised informally, and the Committee considers that, since these are charged for as Private Services, the musicians may reasonably receive their share of the receipts, although existing agreements are drawn in a contrary sense. A general ruling that these performances be so considered is adopted with affect from the end of this year.

New Music.—The Conductor is directed to prepare an indent for such new music as he requires without delay, the total cost of which will not exceed Tls. 200, in accordance with the Budget.

Conductor.—The Chairman points out that this employé's agreement also expires in December next, and states that he has learnt that Mr. Buck is prepared to renew for a further period of three years. A recommendation in this sense is recorded.

Hotel Licences.

The Council is informed that Mrs. Shorrock is desirous of obtaining a Restaurant Licence for her premises at No. 39 Kiangse Road (Social Shanghai Tea Rooms), to enable her to sell liquors during meals. There is a reasonable explanation of the lateness of this application, and, upon the understanding that the establishment will maintain its present respectable character, and that Mrs. Shorrock will remain the responsible licensee, it is decided to issue the required licence.

Opium Shops.

A letter from the Opium Guild is read, desiring a reduction in the present increased rate of licence fee upon the grounds that shops in the French Settlement pay less, and that trade generally is depressed. The Chairman points out that the rate was increased as a matter of policy rather than as a matter of revenue, and that a reduction in the number of licences will conform to the Council's views in regard to the traffic in opium generally. Under these circumstances it is decided to reply in the negative.

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Municipal Loan of 1909.

The Council is informed that small sums have been received at the current rate of issue, 105, and that there is a further inquiry at a slightly lower rate. The Finance Committee is unwilling to issue debentures at a lower price at present, noting that any large offer will be specially submitted for consideration.

Accounts Office.

The following minute of the Finance Committee is read and unanimously endorsed :—

"With reference to the forthcoming "resignation of the Accountant, the "Chairman introduces the subject of "the appointment of his successor, or "of another official to be styled "Muni- "cipal Treasurer" to have charge of "the accounts. Various reports com- "piled in the course of last year by "Mr. E. F. Goodale, at present an "Assistant in the Office, have been "perused by the members, and as a "result the Committee is unanimous in "the opinion that he is qualified and "capable of undertaking this work: "the members are therefore prepared to "recommend that he be given a six "months' trial. During the period, by "the publication from time to time of "reports, it is believed that Mr. Goodale "will gain the confidence of the Council "and of the Community."

"With regard to salary, the Com- "mittee considers that the pay of the "appointment should begin at Tls. 500 "per mensem, with the usual allowances "enjoyed by Heads of Departments, "and that during Mr. Goodale's pro- "bationary appointment, and while the "new department is being constituted, "he should receive Tls. 400 per mensem "inclusive."

"Among the preliminary duties "which Mr. Goodale will be called "upon to perform are the following:—

"(i) to realize the difference between "the keeping of accounts and scrut- "inising the authority for each pay- "ment made, which latter work the "Office has hitherto failed to perform.

"(ii) to understand the details of "each item in the Budget, so that "excess may be traced and an oppor- "tunity given to allow or disallow the "item before expenditure is actually "incurred.

"(iii) to read the financial portions of "the Report of the recent Ratepayers' "Meeting with a view to tracing the "subjects of complaint to their "source.

"(iv) to furnish a preliminary report "on what changes in method are "needed in the office, what additional "staff is required, etc.

"(v) to report with freedom for the "Finance Committee's information, "now and hereafter, on any matters "affecting the Council's accounts, "and to make suggestions with "respect to the work of the office "generally."

Mr. Goodale's reply to the proposition, which has been made to him is read.

His requests for the title of Acting Accountant and for a Locomotion Allowance are granted; and, with respect to his work over and above the functions heretofore performed by the Accountant, it is decided to address letters to the Heads of Departments, directing that he receive every facility for conducting the inquiries which he considers necessary. His recommendations as to additional staff are also adopted :—

Shanghai, April 20, 1909.

SIR,—With reference to the offer made to me by the Members of the Finance Committee at their meeting of Friday last, to place me in charge of the Accounts Office for a probationary period of six months with the title of Acting Treasurer, my duties during that time to be similar in every respect to those of the present Accountant, with the additional duty of reporting generally to the Finance Committee upon any matter affecting the Council's Accounts, which in my opinion calls for revision, and in particular upon the points on which the Finance Committee has asked for additional information, I beg to state that while deeply sensible of the honour done to me, and while willing to undertake the duties suggested, I am unwilling to take the title of Acting Treasurer, but would prefer to be called (say) Acting Accountant.

As I understand my suggested duties, they are of a twofold character:

1.—I shall be responsible (under the Secretary) for the proper keeping of the Council's Accounts.

2.—In my capacity as an expert on financial and accountancy matters, I am asked to examine and report into the existing methods of financial control, and if they are found to be inadequate, to devise a more efficient system.

In this latter capacity I venture to ask for an absolutely free hand. In other words I should prefer to be regarded as an ouside expert who would not be bound to observe the rules regulating inter-departmental communications.

As I anticipate having to personally visit the various Institutions, Hospitals, Police Stations, etc., controlled by the Council, I beg to suggest that I be granted a carriage allowance in order to be able to make the best use of the limited time that I shall have at my disposal.

Before any definite steps can be taken to afford the ultimate Treasurer opportunities of criticising suggested expenditure, I am of the opinion that it will be necessary to very closely examine the existing method of placing orders, contracts, etc., and the various channels through which the records of their purchase pass, before they eventually find their place in the Annual Financial Statement. To suggest any drastic alteration at the present moment, would tend, I am afraid, to the dislocation of the whole Service, without attaining the desired object. When, however, the whole financial system has been dissected, its weak points will be apparent and can more easily be remedied. In the meanti ne I propose to apply such tentative measures of exercising supervision over expenditure as may be possible under existing conditions.

With regard to the additional staff required, I consider that there is immediate necessity for the engagement of two additional assistants with some previous knowledge of accounts (one engagement to be of a permanent, and the other of a temporary nature) and also of one extra native clerk.

In conclusion, I have to ask that you will be good enough to convey to the Members of the Finance Committee my great appreciation of the compliment they have paid me, and to assure them that I shall do all that is within my power to merit the confidence that they have been good enough to place in me.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

E. F. GOODALE, A.C.A.

W. E. LEVESON, Esq.,
Secretary, Municipal Council.

Consular Body.

A letter from Mr. P. von Buri, Consul-General for Germany, informs the Council that during his absence on about 8 months' furlough the Consulate-General will be administered by Mr. M. Müller, Consul.

Eligibility for the Council.

Noting that a committee of the Consular Body has been constituted to report on the question of qualifications for the Council under the Land Regulations, it is decided to comply with its request for a written legal opinion as to the proper interpretation of Article XIX.

Road Extensions and Widenings.

Peking Road.—Referring to the minute under this heading published on February 25 a further report by the Engineer states that the offer by Mr. T. S. Chang of a strip of unregistered land east of Cadastral lot 453A for the widening of this road was made under a misapprehension. Pending settlement of his individual claim, the acquisition of two portions of the property in question has been arranged with compensation as follows :—

Mow 0.008 for Tls.	100
Reinstatement	122
Tls.	222
Mow 0.012 for Tls.	165
Reinstatement	165
Tls.	330

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Further strips of native-owned property have been required as follows :—
West of Cadastral lot 454A.

Mow 0.023 for	Tls. 303
Reinstatement	225
	Tls. 528

West of Cadastral lot 452A.

Mow 0.054 for	Tls. 673
Reinstatement	400
	Tls. 1,073

Tenders.

The following are authorized for acceptance :—

1.—Erection of additional iron gates, boundary walls, window grilles, etc., at the Hongkew Police Station, Sah Jin-kee, Tls. 650. Budget appropriation Tls. 675.

2.—Painting interior and exterior of Mental Ward at the Victoria Nursing Home, Wong Chin-kee, Tls. 436.50.

3.—Erection of Battery Room, etc., at the Electricity Works, Sah Jin-kee, Tls. 18,100, with extras as follows :—

Cement work	Tls. 2,400
Drains	„ 100
Steelwork	„ 4,600
Malthoid Flat, locks, tiles etc,	„ 340
	Tls. 7,440

Budget appropriation Tls. 25,000.

The meeting adjourns at 6.30 p.m.

Notification of Infectious Disease.

The following have been reported during the week ending Sunday, April 25, 1909.

	Death among Chinese population of 650,000	Cases notified among Non-Chinese population of 15,000.
Small-pox.	0	0
Cholera.	0	0
Typhoid Fever	—	0
Diphtheria.	1	1
Scarlet Fever.	0	1
Tuberculosis	12	0
Plague	0	0
Total Deaths from all Cases	115	1

ARTHUR STANLEY,
Health Officer.

Summary of Plague Prevention Work

during the week ending
April 25, 1909.

	District			
	Eastern	Northern	Central	Western.
Rats found dead and brought to the Laboratory for examination	81	160	143	38
Rats plague infected	2	0	0	0
Traps in operation	1360	1792	760	480
Rats trapped and burnt	178	541	158	103
Poisoned bait laid	33238	61660	229500	4160
Houses temporarily rat-proofed and disinfected under notice to occupier	200	192	14	36
Houses rat-proofed under notice to owners	0	0	0	0
Person vaccinated against plague	0	0	0	0

ARTHUR STANLEY,
Health Officer.

Public Band.

Public Performances.—The attendance on Sunday, April 25, numbered 384, and the Hall was emptied in 4 minutes.

The programme for Sunday, May 2, will be as follows :—

1.—Overture "Fra Diavolo" ...Auber
2.—(a) "Pizzicati" } from the Ballet "Sylvia" Delibes
(b) "Les Chasseresses"
3.—Selection "Samson and Delilah"...Saint Saens

4.—Overture "In the South" ...Elgar
5.—(a) Serenade Lyrique... ...Elgar
(b) Intermezzo ("Dorabella"), from the "Enigma" Variations
6.—March "Pomp and Circumstance"... ... ..Elgar
No. 1 in D major

Conductor-in-charge, Mr. R. BUCK.

The performances during next week will (weather permitting) be as follows :

Mon.	May 3, 2	oc. p.m.	Race Course
Tues.	„ 4, 2	„	„
Wed-	„ 5, 2	„	„
Thurs.	„ 6, 5	„	Public Garden
Fri.	„ 7, 5	„	Hongkew Recreation Ground
Sat.	„ 8, 2	„ p.m.	Race Course
Sun.	„ 9, 9	„ p.m.	Town Hall

Engineer's Report for March.

The work of the Department has been delayed very considerably during the month owing to the abnormal amount of rain. Building operations have proceeded slowly in consequence, but such work as sewering and culverting is chiefly affected by this cause, as the trenches become flooded and pumping has to be continually resorted to in order to keep the water down.

The arrangements for the acquisition of the unregistered land required for the widening of Peking Road, with the exception of two or three special lots, are now completed. Plans are being prepared showing the areas required from the registered lots.

In the Western District negotiations are proceeding for the acquisition of the land for extending Penang Road east of Gordon Road, and the Great Western Road east of Mohawk Road. The formation, etc., of the new roads in this District sanctioned last year is practically completed.

In the Eastern District the acquisition of the land for Batavia Road is well in hand and negotiations are proceeding in regard to Ward Road and Road Extension No. 62 (District B). The only roads sanctioned for raising, etc., which have not yet been completed are Baikal, Rangoon and Dalny Roads.

The opening up of these roads should meet the requirements of the Eastern District for some time to come, as the prospect of development, judging by the roads already laid out, appears to be rather remote.

In a length of 9.6 miles of roads acquired in the Western District in recent years, 9.4 miles of *frontage* remains unregistered.

In the Eastern District the length of all acquired roads is approximately 19.5 miles, and the *frontage* remaining unregistered is 14.4 miles.

The survey and plotting of the main details of the area bounded by the Jessfield Road, the Soochow Creek and the Western Boundary of the Western District, enclosing a block of 3,130 mow, has been completed. Of this area 833 mow enclosed by Jessfield Road, Connaught Road and the Settlement Boundary, has been surveyed in detail and plotted. Work is now proceeding in the section between Robinson and Connaught Roads.

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In response to the Notification inviting tenders for the Annual Supply of Materials, etc., 127 tenders have been received. These are now being investigated prior to recommendations being made, but the task is rendered somewhat laborious owing to a great many of the tenderers (Chinese) not having forwarded addresses, and in some instances, not having even troubled to obtain copies of the Specifications.

The summary of work in progress and that carried out during the month is as follows:—

Works in Progress.—Inspector's Quarters, Wayside Police Station. Indians' Quarters, Wayside Police Station. Removal and enlargement of Sinza Market. Native Police Hospital adjoining Victoria Nursing Home. Western Police Depôt, Gordon Road.

Laying 4-ft. 6-in. diam. culvert along the Chang Pang from Defence Creek to Manila Road. Draining, bricking and metalling the widening of Bubbling Well Road west of Yates Road. Raising Bubbling Well Cemetery Extension. Concrete bunding along the Soochow Creek on the south-east side of Chekiang Road Bridge. Laying 3-ft. diam. culvert at the junction of Great Western Road and Seymour Road. Repairs to Chapoo Road Bridge. Laying 2-ft. 3-in. by 1-ft. 6-in. sewer along North Honan Road. Raising Baikal Road. Raising Rangoon Road. Repairs to Yalu Road Bridge.

Works Finally Completed.—Bricking and metalling the mud track along Weihaiwei Road between Chungking Road and Yates Road. Replacing existing wooden bridge carrying Chungking Road over the Chang Pang by 4-ft. 6-in. diam. culvert. Laying 4-ft. 6-in. diam. culvert across Robison Road east of Gordon Road. Extending 3-ft. diam. culvert across Baikal Road east of Macgregor Road. Extending 3-ft. diam. culvert at the junction of Rangoon Road and Lay Road. Making up North Soochow Road west of North Chekiang Road. Boundary wall at Wayside Police Station. Removal of Woochang Road pontoon to a new position opposite Tsingpoo Road.

Plans Completed.—Detail drawings, Sinza Fire Station. Longitudinal Section of the Yung Zeen Pang and the Tsze Pang from Siccawei Road to the Soochow Creek. Plan and Sections of Batavia Road. Sketch plans for new workshops at Gaol.

Cleansing.—122 cartloads of garbage, 3,034 cartloads of road detritus, and 2,535 cartloads of gully deposit were collected during the month.

Quarry.—3,578 tons of road materials have been received during the month from the Quarry. 1,060 tons were dispatched from the Quarry for account of the French Council during the month.

Concreteware.—The following concreteware has been made at the Range Road Depôt during the month:—

Hand made	939	pieces
Machine made	1,651	„
Total ..	2,590	„

Creeks and River.—2,283 tons of mud were dredged and removed from the Defence Creek and 6,864 tons of mud from the mouth of the Soochow Creek between the Garden Bridge and the Whangpoo River.

New Buildings.

Summary of Work done during the month.

Description of work.	*Total*
Buildings under construction§	148
Plans submitted for sanction	40
Plans approved	40
Inspections by Inspectors	1,280
Permits for Carpenters sheds, etc.	14
„ „ Boundary Walls	5
„ „ Repairs to Buildings	71
„ „ New Shop Fronts	31
„ „ Painting	172
„ „ Alterations	65
„ „ Erecting Fences	24
„ „ erecting Sign Boards...	152
„ „ erecting Drying Stages	—
Dangerous Notices served.....	8
Summonses	2
Encroachments reported and rectified	4

§ These figures refer to the number of blocks of buildings under construction, the number of houses would be considerably greater.

Dangerous Structures.

Notices as to dangerous structures received from the public	—
Notices from other Departments ...	—
Dangerous structures reported by P.W.D.	6

Notices issued "A" 6
"B" 2

Summonses.—On the 1st instant, Mow Yoong-tsong and Wong Ah-woo were summoned at the Mixed Court for having erected matsheds in the Eastern District, and using the same for dwelling purposes, without having first obtained a permit. They were ordered to have the sheds removed within seven days. On the 19th instant they were again brought before the Court for having failed to comply with the order received on the 1st instant, the Magistrate allowed them a further three days in which to remove the sheds, after which time they were to be removed by the Police. The sheds were removed by the Police on March 23.

Survey Work.

Official measurements of new land lots attended during the month..	57
Cadastral certificates issued	28
Consular lots surveyed	8
Surveys made in connexion with road widenings and/or extensions	61
Lots examined to ascertain whether they included roads or waterways which are or may in future be of use to the public	47

M. C. R. stones have been erected as follows:—

Western District	36	stones.
Central „	8	„
Northern „	2	„
Eastern „	116	„
Total	162	„

Miscellaneous.—The average number of labourers employed during the month, exclusive of contract work has been 2,052 as against 2,377 during March, 1908.

CHARLES MAYNE,
Engineer and Surveyor.

Departmental Report of the Superintendent of Parks and Open Spaces to the Municipal Engineer for March.

The amount of rain which fell during the month retarded ground operations considerably, but they are sufficiently advanced to ensure completion under normal climatic conditions in their proper season. The planting of trees and shrubs was the chief occupation during the month, and a commencement was made to the laying of turf.

Hongkew Recreation Ground.—The levelling and grading of this ground is now in progress and should be practically completed by the end of April. Grey tiles as flooring were laid in the summerhouse and grotto, and the planting of trees and shrubs was practically completed. Number of visitors, 5,150. Number of golf players, 257.

Turf is being laid in the following places:—Quinsan Square, Public School for Chinese, Victoria Nursing Home, Bund Foreshore, and Public Garden.

Weeding lawns.—Bund Foreshore, Public Gardens, Municipal Hospital and Public Recreation Ground.

Trees planted and staked on roads	1,720
Trees fastened on roads	1,937
Bedding plants planted—	
Public Garden	808
Chinese Public Garden .	479
Victoria Nursing Home	194
Hongkew Recreation Ground	645
	2,126

D. MACGREGOR,
Superintendent.

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MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION.

No. 1953.

THE Council is prepared to receive tenders for the annual supply of PORTLAND CEMENT in such quantities as may be required.

Specifications may be seen, and all necessary information obtained, upon application at the Public Works Office, Hankow Road, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Sealed tenders will be received by the undersigned not later than noon on Saturday, June 26, 1909, and should be marked "Tender for Portland Cement."

The Council does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender, or to pay any expenses which the contractor may incur in tendering. The contractor whose tender is eventually accepted will be required to give satisfactory security for the due performance of the contract.

The names of tenderers, with the prices quoted, will be published for general information.

By order,

W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

Council Room,
Shanghai, March 10, 1909.

MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION.

No. 1966.

PUBLIC SWIMMING BATH.

THE Public Bwimming Bath in the North Szechuen Road, near the Hongkew Recreation Ground, will be open from and after to-morrow, May 8, from 6 o'clock a.m. to 8 o'clock p.m.

The Rath will be reserved for the use of ladies and children from 9 o'clock a.m. to 1.30 p.m., except on Sundays.

Admission 10 cents, payable at the door.

By order,

W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

Council Room,
Shanghai, May 7, 1909.

MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION.

No. 1967.

SICCAWEI ROAD.

NOTICE is hereby given that the section of the Siccawei Road between the Route de Sayzoong and the Route Ferguson will be closed to public traffic between 8.30 p.m. and 5 o'clock a.m. from this date until further notice. Private residents, and their *bona fide* visitors and guests, in and beyond the section in question, will be permitted to pass the barriers on production of special passes which may be obtained on application at the Central Police Station. The Police have been instructed to enforce this regulation strictly.

By order,

W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

Council Room,
Shanghai, May 7, 1909.

AT the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, April 28, 1909, at 4.30 p.m., there are present:

Messrs. D. Landale (*Chairman*)
H. De Gray
F. C. Heffer
W. D. Little
H. A. J. Macray
O. Meuser
W. A. C. Platt
J. Prentice
T. E. Trueman
The Secretary and
Assistant Secretary.

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

The minutes of the last meeting are read, confirmed, signed by the Chairman and passed for publication.

Volunteers.

New Headquarters and Drill Hall.—In order that the Council may be guided as to the best course to take in this matter, it is decided to request the Commandant and three officers of the Corps to meet the Watch Committee for the discussion of the project generally. The Committee so formed will be requested to make recommendations as to the various sites now under consideration.

In anticipation of the above decision, a note from Major Barnes suggests the names of Captains Cubitt, Pilcher and Stewart as willing to serve in this capacity if required, and his suggestion meets with the Council's approval.

Mixed Court.

American Assessor.—The reply of the American Association of China to the Council's letter on the subject of the transfer to Tientsin of Mr. Hamilton Butler is read, and the correspondence is ordered for publication:—

Council Room,
Shanghai, April 17, 1909.

SIR,—The Council has observed an announcement that Mr. Hamilton Butler, at present American Assessor at the Mixed Court, is about to be transferred to Tientsin. This change will be witnessed by my colleagues and myself with regret, for two reasons. Firstly, because Mr. Butler during one year's tenancy of a difficult post has given evidence of a firm realization of his responsibilities, and otherwise, so far as the Council is aware, earned the confidence and respect of those whose interests he represents. And, secondly, because the duties of Assessor, so far as police cases are concerned, cannot, by reason of the complicated and peculiar conditions which obtain at the Mixed Court, be fully grasped without the expenditure of considerable time and study, for which reason it is generally considered advisable that the appointments should be held for a period of not less than three to five years.

I am aware that it may from some standpoints be considered beyond the Council's province to take any official cognizance of matters of this character, but I am impelled to the course of addressing you on the subject in the

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knowledge that the community generally, and the American section in particular, would view the retention of Mr. Butler's services in Shanghai with very great satisfaction. I have, therefore, the honour to suggest that the influence of your Association may be exerted in the proper quarter towards the end which I have indicated.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,
DAVID LANDALE,
Chairman.

MURRAY WARNER, Esq.,
President,
The American Association of China.

The American Association of China,
Shanghai, April 23, 1909.

SIR,—I have to thank you for your esteemed letter of the 17th instant having reference to the transfer to Tientsin of Mr. Hamilton Butler, American Assessor at the Shanghai Mixed Court.

In sympathy with your suggestions, this Association cabled to the Secretary of State, your recommendation of Mr. Butler and urged his retention in Shanghai.

We regret to inform you, however, that the Secretary of State has not been able to accede to our request, having replied, through the American Consul-General, that the transfer of Mr. Butler was necessary for "service reasons."

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,
MURRAY WARNER,
Chairman.

D. LANDALE, Esq.,
Chairman, Municipal Council.

Destruction of Roadside Trees.

In view of the recrudescence of this form of petty crime on roads beyond limits, arrangements have been made by the courtesy of the Senior Consul, for the re-issue of the Taotai's proclamation on the subject. Fifty copies have been received, and will be posted near the sites of the depredations as occasion serves:—

Translation of a proclamation by Tsai Nai-huang, Shanghai Taotai, dated March 2, 1909.

A proclamation is hereby again issued as to the trees inside and outside the Settlement planted on both sides of the roads, which formerly certain bad characters in order to derive petty profit cut down and stole; and as to which a former proclamation on the subject by the promoted Taotai Jui in prohibition is on record.

The Taotai is now in receipt of a letter from the Consul-General for Belgium and Senior Consul, Mr. Siffert, stating that the cutting down and theft of trees as before is again in evidence, and requesting that means be devised for forbidding it. The Taotai finds that the planting of these trees is for the benefit of public health and to provide shade for passers-by. To secretly fell and steal them is therefore to persist in wrong-doing and is most detestable.

This proclamation is therefore again hereby issued in prohibition, and the military and other classes of the people are expected one and all to take note that from the issue of this proclamation hereafter, if the former practice is still continued, and the trees which are planted on both sides of the roads inside and outside of the Settlement are secretly cut down and stolen, so soon as it has been discovered, or a charge is made, it will result in arrest and investigation with no leniency. Let all tremble and comply without disobedience to this special proclamation.

Parks and Open Spaces.

With the concurrence of the Parks Committee an application by Mr. J. L. Snowdon for permission to place additional chairs in the Public Garden and Hongkew Recreation Ground, and to charge 10 cents to the public for their use, is granted. It is noted that there will be no reduction in the number of seats already provided by the Council without charge.

Public School for Chinese.

The minutes of the meeting of the School Committee of April 26, are read and confirmed. There are present:—

Messrs. J. C. Ferguson
H. A. J. Macray
Rev. A. J. Walker
Shen Tun-ho
Chu Lan-fong
The Headmaster and
Assistant Secretary.

At Mr. Ferguson's proposal, seconded by Mr. Macray, Mr. Walker is unanimously re-elected Chairman for the ensuing year.

Attendance.—A memorandum submitted shows the average attendance of pupils during the months of February and March to have been 396 and 414, and the total number admitted since the re-opening, 434, to be seven in excess of the maximum which the School can conveniently hold, accommodation being found for the extra number owing to occasional absences from sickness and other reasons. Reports by the Headmaster are to the effect that it has thus been necessary to refuse admission to several intending pupils, and the advisability of holding a formal examination for admission before the beginning of next term, as indicated in the Annual Report (page 267), is discussed. Since the number refused has not been large and the suggestion, if adopted prematurely, might result in checking applications, it is decided for the present, and until after next term, to adhere to the method of selection by judging the general intelligence of candidates.

Ching Ming Festival.—Report by the Headmaster is read stating that many pupils absented themselves during the Festival, in order to visit their family tombs. In view of the necessity for observance of this custom, it is decided that for the future the School be closed for two days, inclusive of any Sunday or holiday with which the Festival or the preceding or following day coincides.

Cambridge Local Examination.—Reports are submitted from which it is noted that out of seven candidates five have passed. These good results justify a continuance of the work and preparing as many pupils as possible for the examination in December next.

By adoption of this course there appears to be little risk of undue encouragement of the English side of the pupils' education at the expense of the Chinese. Careful inquiries have been made by members of the Committee as to the likelihood of an equivalent examination being inaugurated under Chinese management, but it has been found that considerable time must elapse before the introduction of any methodical and reliable system. In the meantime it is unanimously decided to continue to make use of the Cambridge Local Examination as the best available test of progress.

Prizes.—A report by the Headmaster refers to a proposal by the Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals to present prizes to the value of $60 for the best Essays in

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English or Chinese on a book published by the Society. The offer of these prizes, which will be presented at the next Speech Day in 1910, is accepted.

Staff.—The Headmaster proposes that at the forthcoming triennial meeting of the Educational Association, the staff be permitted to attend to obtain information as to the methods in use in other institutions, and this suggestion, which will not affect the school routine, is approved.

Mr. Shen Tun-ho suggests informally inviting the Provincial Examiner to visit the institution, in no official capacity but as a visitor, and the Committee approves the proposal as tending to increase the popularity of the School among parents.

Electricity Department.

Committee.—It is noted that Mr. Pearce has returned to Shanghai and resumed his seat on this Committee. With regard to the vacancy created by the resignation of Mr. Pilcher, the Council decides to invite Mr. G. Wuilleumier to accept nomination.

Extension of Mains.—Upon the recommendation of the Electricity Committee an extension is authorized throughout the length of the Ward Road, in return for a reduced annual charge of 5 per cent on the capital cost, provided the project of certain ratepayers to install a 10 horse-power motor for driving printing machinery, is carried out.

Coal Supply.—Six tenders, received in response to Notification No. 1959, are submitted, together with the Electrical Engineer's report thereon. Upon his recommendation, endorsed by the Committee, it is decided to accept the proposal of the Mitsui Bussan Kaisha to renew their contract for Takaye small coal for a further year at the rate of Tls. 6.25 per ton.

The remaining tenders are as follows:—

Messrs. Johnsen and Herlofsen, Shimoyamada, Tls. 5.60; Sander, Wieler & Co., Otokirigomi, Tls. 6.50; F. Caissial & Co., Takaye, Tls. 7.00; Ohnour, Tls. 6.80; Yahsia, Tls. 6.50; Mitsui Bishi Co., Hojo, Tls. 7.00 and one irregular.

The meeting adjourns at 6.40 p.m.

Notification of Infectious Disease.

The following have been reported during the week ending Sunday, May 9, 1909.	Death among Chinese population of 550,000	Cases notified among Non-Chinese population of 15,000.
Small-pox.	0	0
Cholera.	0	0
Typhoid Fever	—	0
Diphtheria.	2	1
Scarlet Fever.	0	0
Tuberculosis	9	0
Plague	0	0
Total Deaths from all Causes	124	1

ARTHUR STANLEY,
Health Officer.

Summary of Plague Prevention Work during the week ending May 9, 1909.

	District			
	Eastern	Northern	Central	Western.
Rats found dead and brought to the Laboratory for examination	95	176	166	26
Rats plague infected	2	0	0	0
Traps in operation	1800	1310	730	370
Rats trapped and burnt	293	277	184	124
Poisoned bait laid	31188	69300	196000	4688
Houses temporarily rat-proofed and disinfected under notice to occupier	209	213	0	36
Houses rat-proofed under notice to owners	0	0	0	0
Person vaccinated against plague	0	0	0	0

ARTHUR STANLEY,
Health Officer.

Public Band.

Public Performances.—The attendance on Sunday, May 9, numbered 362 and the Hall was emptied in 3 minutes.

The programme for Sunday, May 16, will be as follows:—

1.—Overture—"Les Dragons de Villars".....Maillart
2.—(a) Serenade.....Moszkowski
(b) Turkish Patrol ...Michaelis
3.—Selection—"The Trumpeter of "Sakkingen"..Nessler
4.—Selection—"La Traviata" Verdi
5.—(a) Solveig's Song ("Peer Gynt").....Grieg
(b) Love Song .....Taubert
6.—Overture—"Poet and Peasant" .....Suppé

Conductor-in-charge, Mr. R. Buck.

The performances during next week will (weather permitting) be as follows:

Mon.	May 17, 5	p.m.	Public Garden
Tues.	„ 18, 5	„	Hongkew Recreation Ground
Wed.	„ 19, 5	„	Public Garden
Thurs.	„ 20, 5	„	„
Fri.	„ 21, 5	„	Hongkew Recreation Ground
Sat.	„ 22, 4	„	Public Recreation Ground
Sun.	„ 23, 9	„	Town Hall

Private Services.—The charge for the services of the Band is Tls. 40, and of a Half-Band, consisting of not less than 3 European and 12 Manila musicians, Tls. 25, per hour or part of an hour.

The services of a smaller number of musicians may be engaged at the rate of Tls. 3 per hour for European, and Tls. 1.50 per hour for Manila musicians. In a group numbering less than half the Band an extra fee of Tls. 1.5 per hour is charged for the services of the piano-player.

One rehearsal is permitted without fee, all subsequent rehearsals are charged for at half of the above rates.

For the services of a soloist an additional fee of Tls. 25 is charged, inclusive of such rehearsals as are necessary.

If special music is required special arrangement must be made.

Engagements for more than three performances during a season are subject to a reduction of 2 per cent, for more than twelve performances, 4 per cent.

For Sunday performances, or services involving merching through the streets double rates are charged.

24 hours' notice is required for the cancellation of any engagement.

The cost of conveyance of musicians for distances beyond a radius of 2 mile from the Municipal offices, Kiangse Road, must be defrayed by the persons engaging them.

The European musicians are allowed to give private music lessons, with the Conductor's permission obtained in each case.

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MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION.

No. 1966.

PUBLIC SWIMMING BATH.

THE Public Swimming Bath in the North Szechuen Road, near the Hongkew Recretion Ground, will be open from and after to-morrow, May 8, from 6 o'clock a.m. to 9 o'clock p.m.

The Bath will be reserved for the use of ladies and children from 9 o'clock a.m. to 1.30 p.m., except on Sundays.

Admission 10 cents, payable at the door.

By order,

W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

Council Room,
Shanghai, May 7, 1909.

MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION.

No. 1967.

SICCAWEI ROAD.

NOTICE is hereby given that the section of the Siccawei Road between the Route de Sayzoong and the Route Ferguson will be closed to public traffic between 8.30 p.m. and 5 o'clock a.m. from this date until further notice. Private residents, and their *bona fide* visitors and guests, in and beyond the section in question, will be permitted to pass the barriers on production of special passes which may be obtained on application at the Central Police Station. The Police have been instructed to enforce this regulation strictly.

By order,

W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

Council Room,
Shanghai, May 7, 1909.

MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION.

No 1968.

PASSENGER PONTOONS.

NOTICE is hereby given that provisional arrangements have been made for the handling of in-coming passengers' baggage on the Pontoon, as follows :—

Authorized coolies, wearing blue coats and with a distinctive badge on the breast, will meet all tenders, and will take charge of baggage under the following tariff :—

(i) For removal from the pontoon to vehicles on the Bund, 5 cents per package.

(ii) For transport from the pontoon to any point within a distance of one mile, 30 cents for 133-lb. with an increase of 15 cents for each additional mile or part of a mile.

(iii) For transport to Pootung, as above (ii) with an additional 30 cents for boat-hire.

The headman in charge of the authorized coolies will give a receipt for baggage entrusted to his care.

There will be no interference with the private servants of residents and hotels, who will be permitted to act as heretofore.

The above arrangement will not apply to the baggage of passengers by outgoing tenders.

By order,

W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

Council Room,
Shanghai, May 17, 1909.

AT the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, May 12, 1909, at 4.30 p.m., there are present :

Messrs. D. Landale (*Chairman*)
H. De Gray
F. C. Heffer
W. D. Little
O. Meuser
W. A. C. Platt
J. Prentice
T. E. Trueman
The Secretary and
Assistant Secretary.

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

The minutes of the last meeting are read, confirmed, signed by the Chairman and passed for publication.

Police.

Foreign Branch.—The promotion of G. Mann to be 2nd-Class Constable is authorized with effect from April 8.

The following are appointed 3rd-Class Constables, being a draft of recruits engaged through the London Agents with the assistance of Colonel A. W. A. Pollock. These men arrived on April 29 per str. Somali :—

D. Cameron
A. S. Downs
M. McColl
H. W. Shapland
G. Will

Constable W. Stewart is dismissed the Force for gross insubordination and drunkenness with effect from May 6.

Constable H. V. Austin is dismissed the Force for assaulting a Sergeant in the execution of his duty, gross insubordination and drunkenness with effect from May 6.

The engagement of W. Williams as Probationary Warder is authorized, with effect from April 1.

Constable Baillie is appointed Plain Clothes Constable from May 1.

Health Department.

Victoria Nursing Home.—The Health Officer forwards the resignation of Miss Lea, Matron of the Home. The arrangements published with the minutes of the meeting of January 27 thus fall through, and the appointment of Nurse Koek as Acting Matron, is confirmed with effect from the termination of Miss Lea's services.

Public Band.

The following correspondence relates to the contribution at present paid by the French Council towards the up-keep of the Band :—

Translation of letter from the French Council, dated March 27, 1909.

SIR,—The arrangement of the Public Garden of which the establishment was decided by the French Municipality on the land of Koukaza, is in a fair way to completion, and the public will soon be admitted to benefit by the advantages which it is in the intention of the French Council to procure for it. I am therefore directed to acquaint you with the wish which it has expressed that the Council be good enough to consent to place the Public Band at its disposition, in accordance with conditions which would be fixed by common agreement.

The French Council is aware that the public concerts given by the Band in the Foreign Settlement, as also the different ceremonies, official and otherwise, at which it is called upon to give its services, leave but little leisure to its members.

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It hopes, however, that the Council bearing in mind the contribution which the French Council pays annually, and has paid for several years, for the up-keep of the Public Band, without obtaining direct advantage, will adopt an arrangement giving satisfaction to the above expressed desire.

I am, etc.,

G. LAFERRIÈRE,

Secretary.

W. E. LEVESON, Esq.,

Secretary, Municipal Council.

Council Room,

Shanghai, April 26, 1909.

SIR,—I am now directed to reply to your letter of March 27, on the subject of the public performances of the Band, and to express the Council's regret that under present conditions arrangements cannot be made for the Band to play in the new French Public Garden.

The number of musicians is, as you are aware, limited, and the calls upon their services in the Public Garden, the Public Recreation Ground and the Hongkew Recreation Ground are such that there is difficulty in meeting even present requirements.

To this, however, I am to add that if the French Council is willing to share the cost of the Band by defraying one quarter of the total annual expenditure, such arrangements as you propose would necessarily be made. This would involve raising your present contribution of Tls. 1,500 to approximately Tls. 10,000, and it is on these terms only that the Council is prepared to comply with your suggestion.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

W. E. LEVESON,

Secretary.

G. LAFERRIÈRE, Esq.,

Secretary, French Municipal Council.

Translation of letter from the French Council dated May 10, 1909.

SIR,—I am directed to acknowlege the receipt of your letter of April 26, informing the Council that the Municipal Council regrets its inability to place the Public Band at its disposition without requesting it to increase the amount of its maintenance, from Tls. 1,500 to Tls. 10,000.

The Council has taken note of this communication.

I am, etc.

G. LAFERRIÈRE,

Secretary.

W. E. LEVESON, Esq.,

Secretary, Municipal Council.

Land Commission.

A letter from Mr. F. Anderson is read, containing the resignation of his appointment as the Council's representative on the Commission. Therein he refers to the special services of Mr. Cubitt, who has acted as Secretary and compiled the awards throughout his term of office.

The Awards of the Commissioners in cases Nos LXIII and LXIV are submitted. These awards have been transmitted for the information of the concerned, and are ordered for publication as usual.

CASE LXIII.

Myburgh Road Cad. Lot No. 235. Western District.

Registered owners: Morrison & Grattan.

Mr. J. Christie attends on behalf of the Registered Owners and the Municipal Council is represented by Mr. A. Corbett Smith (Secretariat) and Mr. C. Harpur (Public Works Department.)

The value of the land and the amount payable for reinstatement of buildings on the new road line are not in dispute—the question at issue, therefore, is only one of betterment, which is valued by the Council at one-third of the surrender value, but is held by the Registered owners to be non-existent.

The Council supports its view on the ground that a valuable frontage will be afforded to the lot in question resulting in enhanced value due to the development rendered possible by the construction of a wide thoroughfare, and states that the owners of Lots No. 300 and 306 have made a free surrender, while the owner of Lot No. 294 has agreed to a reduction of one-third on account of betterment.

Mr. Christie on the other hand while admitting that betterment would have resulted by reason of a frontage on a wide thoroughfare had Lot 235 remained intact, contends that by the surrender now required the size of the lot is so materially reduced that the possibilities of development are very much restricted, and the betterment, which would under other circumstances accrue, entirely disappears.

Mr. Christie submits a plan showing how the property might be developed by the erection of a certain class of shops, but it is not quite clear to the Commissioners that the land cannot be developed to better advantage than shown on the rough sketch.

The lot is at present occupied by hovels and the Commissioners hold that the property *will* derive betterment from the new road, but not to the same extent as would have been the case if the area had not been so much reduced.

They award compensation as follows:—

Mow 0.152 at Tls. 6,000 per mow	Tls. 912.00	
Add 10 per cent for compulsory surrender	91.20	
	1,003.20	
Less betterment at one-fifth	200.64	
	802.56	
Agreed cost of reinstatement	220.71	Tls. 1,023.27

F. ANDERSON,
GEO. W. NOËL,
LESLIE J. CUBITT,
Land Commissioners for 1909/10.

Shanghai, May 3, 1909.

CASE LXIV.

Myburgh Road, corner of Bubbling Well Road.

Cad. Lots Nos. 231 and 234 Western District.

Registered owners: Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ld.

Mr. J. Christie attends on behalf of the Registered Owners and the Council is represented by Mr. A. Corbett Smith (Secretariat) and Mr. C. Harpur (Public Works Department.)

In this case there are two points referred for decision, the value of the land to be surrendered and whether the owners should be charged with betterment on Lot 234.—No betterment is alleged on Lot 231—and Mr. A. Corbett Smith accepts the amount of Tls. 3,000 for reinstatement of buildings.

The Council offers Tls. 12 000 and Tls. 11,000 per mow for Lots 231 and 234 respectively, plus 10 per cent for compulsory surrender, being the recently assessed values placed upon these lots by Mr. Walter Scott and Mr. A. E. Algar. Betterment to the extent of one-third of the surrender value is claimed on Lot 234 on the alleged enhanced value of the property which in the Council's opinion will result in the conversion of this lot into a corner site lending itself to considerable development.

Mr. Christie on behalf of the Owners claims Tls. 20,000 per mow plus 10 per cent for the total area to be surrendered, on two grounds (1) that the owners would on no account sell to a private buyer at a lower figure, (2) that the construction of the Myburgh Road at this point, prevents the development of the property to the best advantage and therefore depreciates its earning value. The claim for betterment is also resisted on these grounds.

It is pointed out on behalf of the Council that the road has been scheduled annually since March 12, 1903 but in deference to a protest by the owners last March a deviation was made whereby the required width is taken partly from Lot 231 instead of entirely from Lot 234.

Mr. Christie states that it was suggested some years ago that a semi-detached three storey block of dwellings might be erected on the site of Ewo Stables similar to the adjoining block

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on the western half of Lot 234, but such a development, which in his opinion, would be the most suitable, is rendered impossible by the surrender now claimed. The alternative of building a terrace running north and south is undesirable in view of the fact that it must either face east or west and would, moreover, adversely affect the adjoining properties.

The *pros.* and *cons.* are very carefully considered and the Commissioners are unable to support the owners' valuation of Tls. 20,000 per mow, which appears to rest almost entirely on their unwillingness to sell—a plea which in the opinion of the Commissioners cannot be admitted in considering the compulsory acquisition of roads for public use. They consider the assessed value the full value of the land.

On the other hand they hold that by the conversion of Lot. 234 into a corner site, no benefit accrues to the property.

The Commissioners therefore award compensation as follows:—

Lot 231 Mow 0.375 at Tls. 12,000 per mow	4,500	
Lot 234 Mow 0.455 at Tls. 11,000 per mow	5,005	
	Tls.	9,505.00
Add 10% for compulsory surrender ...		950.50
		10,455.50
Agreed Cost of reinstatement		3,000.00
	Tls.	13,455.50

F. Anderson,
Geo. W. Noël,
Leslie J. Cubitt,
Land Commissioners for 1909/10.

Shanghai, May 3, 1909.

General Hospital.

The Secretary of the Hospital writes to the effect that the lease of the former Small-pox Hospital is expiring, and that the building, two-thirds of the cost of which was paid out of public funds, is about to be sold as old material. The Council assents to waive any claim to the proceeds of such sale.

Consular Body.

A letter from Mr. Von Zeppelin Obermuller, Consul-General for the Netherlands, informs the Council that during his absence on furlough from May 15, Mr. A. van de Sande Bakhuyzen, Vice-Consul, will be in charge of the Consulate-General, and that until Mr. Bakhuyzen's arrival, Mr. Th. H. de Meester will act.

Court of Foreign Consuls.

The Senior Consul notifies the Council of the election of the representative of Norway to fill the vacancy in the membership of the Court, caused by the departure from Shanghai of the Consul-General for Germany.

Road Extensions and Widenings

Shanse Road.—The question of the compensation payable in respect to the acquisition of the Mow 0.068 required from Cadastral lot 415 for the widening of this road will be referred to the Land Commission for decision in terms of the following correspondence:—

Shanghai, February 10, 1909.

Dear Sir,—In reply to your letter of January 14, we have been instructed by the beneficial owner of the above lot to surrender to the Council that portion of the above lot coloured pink on the plan which accompanied your letter on payment by the Council for such land at the rate of Tls. 25,000 per mow.

Yours truly,

Hanson, McNeill & Jones.

C. Mayne, Esq.,
Municipal Engineeer.

Council Room,
Shanghai, March 30, 1909.

Gentlemen,—With reference to your letter of February 10, addressed to the Municipal Engineer, on the subject of the strip of Cadastral lot 415 required for the widening of the Shanse Road, I am directed to state that the Council accepts the rate of Tls. 25,000 per mow as the basis upon which compensation may be calculated. I have, however, to request that you will sanction the reduction of the claim by one-third in view of the fact that the road is at present under 30 feet in width, and that betterment is customarily held to accrue from the improvement in such cases. I am to add that the Council is also prepared to add to the sum payable the usual increment of 10 per cent. for compulsory surrender. The counter-offer for the area of Mow 0.068 will thus be Tls. 1,247, and I have to express the Council's hope that it will prove acceptable.

It is understood that only the southern half of the strip will be made available for public use at present.

I am, Gentlemen,
Your obedient servant,
W. E. Leveson,
Secretary.

Messrs. Hanson, McNeill & Jones.

Shanghai, April 5, 1909.

Dear Sir,—We are in receipt of your letter of March 30 informing us that the Council accepts the rate of Tls. 25,000 per mow as the basis on which compensation is to be calculated for surrendering a strip of Cadastral lot 415, Shanse Road, and suggesting that, inasmuch as betterment will accrue from the widening of the road, a reduction should be made in the amount for compensation.

We have seen the beneficial owner of the property and he instructed us to state that he regrets he cannot see his way to reduce the amount of compensation in the way suggested in your letter.

Yours truly,

Hanson, McNeill & Jones.

W. E. Leveson, Esq.,
Secretary, Municipal Council.

Council Room,
Shanghai, April 23, 1909.

Gentlemen,—I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of April 5 in further reference to the widening of the Shanse Road ex Cadastral lot 415.

In reply thereto, I am to state that the only alternative remaining is that the matter be referred to the Land Commission for a decision, but this the Council is naturally reluctant to do, in that such a course involves considerable delay in arriving at a settlement.

The policy pursued by the Council with regard to the question of betterment, both in foreign and native localities, is well known to yourselves, and, so far as the present case is concerned, I am to draw your attention to two or three other instances of properties somewhat similar in character from which land has been surrendered for the widening of roads to 30 feet, and wherein betterment has been admitted.

In July last when a strip was surrendered from Cadastral lot 198 in the Shanse Road, the owner admitted the benefit to his property by the widening of the road, and a deduction of one-third was made from his claim, although the lot in question is not, from its formation, so well able to afford it as Lot 415. In another purely native locality and in connexion with the widening of the Hankow Road, opposite the new premises of the "Sinwanpao" Ld., this Company reduced its claim by one-third for the land surrendered from Cadastral lot 256 in recognition of the enhanced value of the property. Another similar instance is that of Cadastral lot 193 where the registered owners admitted betterment by the widening of the Peking Road.

In conclusion, I am to request that you will be so good as to bring the above cases to the notice of the owner, in the hope that thereby direct settlement may be arrived at. If, however, he is still unwilling to make the required concession, I am to state that the question will be referred to the Land Commission.

I am, Gentlemen,
Your obedient servant,
W. E. Leveson,
Secretary.

Messrs. Hanson, McNeill & Jones.

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Shanghai, April 26, 1909.

DEAR SIR,—We are in receipt of your letter of April 23, informing us that the Council propose to refer the matter of compensation to the Land Commissioners unless the owner is prepared to accept a deduction of one-third for betterment.

In reply we beg to say that we have been requested by the owner to state that he does not admit that betterment will accrue by the widening of the road; on the contrary he thinks the widening of the road tends to depreciate the rental value of his property and he is not therefore prepared to accept a deduction of one-third from the compensation money.

Yours truly,

HANSON, McNEILL & JONES.

W. E. LEVESON, Esq.,
Secretary, Municipal Council.

Bataria Road.—The compensation payable for the Mow 0.254 required from Cadastral lot 2758 for inclusion in the extension of this road will similarly be referred to the Land Commission for decision in accordance with the following correspondence:—

Shanghai, March 8, 1909.

DEAR SIR,—In reply to your favour of the 4th instant we beg to say that we do not see our way to make a free surrender of area of 2 fun 5 li 4 hao as per your tracing No. 2926s.

As you are aware we are erecting a godown on our property, the back of which will face the Batavia Road Extension, and as we have no exit leading to the new road, all goods having to be brought up from the Yangtszepoo Road, we shall have no advantage whatever of the Extension of the Batavia Road.

We are, dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

THE SOY CHEE COTTON SPINNING CO., LD.

H. ARNHOLD
(*of* Messrs. ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.)
General-Manager.

C. MAYNE, Esq.,
Municipal Engineer.

Shanghai, March 10, 1909.

DEAR SIRS,—I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 8th instant, stating you are unable to surrender free the mow 0.254 required for the above-mentioned extension.

As the Council does not make offers for land in cases of this kind, I shall be obliged if you will submit a claim for such compensation as you may consider yourselves entitled to.

Yours faithfully,

CHARLES MAYNE,
Engineer and Surveyor.

Messrs. ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.

Shanghai, March 15, 1909.

DEAR SIR,—In reply to your favour of the 10th instant, we beg to say that we are prepared to surrender the portion required for the Extension of the Batavia Road at Tls. 838.20, being 2 fun 5 li 4 hao at the assessed value of Tls. 3,000 per mow plus ten per cent for compulsory surrender.

We are, dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

THE SOY CHEE COTTON SPINNING CO., LD.

H. ARNHOLD
(*of* Messrs. ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.
General-Manager.

C. MAYNE, Esq.,
Municipal Engineer.

Council Room,
Shanghai, April 9, 1909.

GENTLEMEN,—I am directed to refer to your letter of March 15, addressed to the Municipal Engineer, upon the subject of the surrender of a portion of Cadastral lot 2758 scheduled for inclusion in the Batavia Road.

In reply thereto, I am to state that the Council is strongly of opinion that compensation for the land surrendered is not called for in the present case. Any extensive development of the property will depend, to a great extent, upon the construction of this road; and although it does not appear that you intend to utilize the frontage which will be afforded, owing to the existence of an outlet at the south of the lot, this cannot materially affect the question that the road will be of undoubted benefit to the property as a whole, and that being so, the case appears to the Council to be one for free surrender. Further, the lot is a large one and can well afford to lose, without detriment, the strip which is required.

In expressing the hope that you will reconsider your claim and consent to surrender without compensation, I am to state that the owners of Cadastral lots 2253 and 2707 upon the Baikal Road, to take two instances, at once recognized the enhanced value of the properties and made a free surrender of the strips required. These cases while not exactly analagous, appear sufficiently so to warrant comparison with the present one.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

Messrs. ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.
Agents.
The Soy Chee Cotton Spinning Co., Ld.

Shanghai, April 16, 1909.

DEAR SIR,—In reply to your favour of the 9th instant, we regret to say that we are unable to consent to the surrender of a portion of Cadastral lot 2758 without compensation.

The new frontage at the Batavia Road will be of no benefit to us, as it will be too expensive to convey the raw material, which is landed at our Mill jetty, over the new road, and as the north of our property is entirely blocked up by walls of our two godowns without any outlet, our land will not derive any benefit later on.

We are, dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

THE SOY CHEE COTTON SPINNING CO., LD.

H. ARNHOLD
(*of* Messrs. ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.)
General-Manager.

W. E. LEVESON, Esq.,
Secretary, Municipal Council.

Council Room,
Shanghai, May 10, 1909.

GENTLEMEN.—Referring to your letter of April 16 in continuation of correspondence on the subject of the extension of the Batavia Road on the north of Cadastral lot 2758, I am directed to state that your contentions have received further consideration at the hands of the Council, and that the opinion is unanimous that the surrender in question should be made without compensation.

The sum involved is not a large one but the Council is desirous of emphasizing a principle which has been invariably recognized in land surrenders for public roads, viz., that adjacent owners should contribute a proportionate share to a public improvement which at the same time confers a benefit upon their property.

In the present case the scheduled strip is a very small one in comparison with the large area of the lot and the frontage which it possesses upon the Batavia Road. The existing outlet on the south of the lot may appear sufficient for the needs of your Company, but there seems no reason why full use of the frontage upon the north may not also be made.

Since the institution of the Land Commission it has been the invariable tendency of the Commissioners in such cases to make awards based upon what they consider to be the most advantageous development of the property.

A somewhat similar case to the present one occurred in 1905, where the owner of a lot upon the projected line of the Sawgin Road contended that the road would be of no use in the development of his property as he intended to build a godown thereon, and to utilize the adjoining creek for the transit of cargo. The Council would have called for a free surrender in view of the benefit conferred by the construc-

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tion of the road, but offered some compensation in consideration of the fact that a large area was surrenderable from a small lot. It was upon these lines that the Land Commissioners made their award. Vide pp. 289/291 of the Annual Report for the year in question.

In conclusion, I am to state that in the event of your still being unwilling to make the desired concession, the matter will be referred to the Land Commission for settlement without further delay.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

Messrs. ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co., LD.
Agents,
The Soy Chee Cotton Spinning Co., Ld.

Shanghai, May 11, 1909.

DEAR SIR,—In reply to your letter of yesterday's date we regret to say that we do not see our way to reduce our claim for the area at the Batavia Road, and we shall feel obliged if you will kindly place the matter before the Land Commission for settlement.

We are, dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

THE SOY CHEE COTTON SPINNING Co., LD.

H. ARNHOLD
(*of* Messrs. ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.)
General-Manager.

W. E. LEVESON, Esq.,
Secretary, Municipal Council.

Urga Road.—The surrender, by Messrs. W. Kay and T. C. Gillespie, of the strip of Cadastral lot 381 measuring Mow 0.146 scheduled for inclusion in this road extension, is noted, at the assessed value of the lot plus ten per cent and less one-half for betterment, a total sum of Tls. 177.

Haiphong Road.—A report by the Engineer is submitted upon the condition of the ditch to the south of this road, to the effect that the bank by continually falling away exposes the watermain and constitutes a danger to the telephone poles thereon. Upon his recommendation the erection of a light wooden bunding is authorized at a cost of Tls. 480.

The meeting adjourns at 6.40 p.m.

Notification of Infectious Disease.

The following have been reported during the week ending Sunday, May 16, 1909.	Death among Chinese population of 550,000	Cases notified among Non-Chinese population of 15,000.
Small-pox.	0	0
Cholera.	0	0
Typhoid Fever	—	4
Diphtheria.	0	1
Scarlet Fever.	1	0
Tuberculosis	10	0
Plague	0	0
Total Deaths from all Causes	107	0

ARTHUR STANLEY,
Health Officer.

Summary of Plague Prevention Work

during the week ending May 16, 1909.

	District			
	Eastern	Northern	Central	Western.
Rats found dead and brought to the Laboratory for examination	98	187	160	20
Rats plague infected	0	4	0	0
Traps in operation	1800	1310	370	340
Rats trapped and burnt	369	274	111	127
Poisoned baits laid	30364	79260	77500	4508
Houses temporarily rat-proofed and disinfected under notice to occupier	197	234	0	25
Houses rat-proofed under notice to owners	0	0	0	0
Person vaccinated against plague	0	0	0	0

ARTHUR STANLEY,
Health Officer.

Public Band.

Public Performances.—The attendance on Sunday, May 16, numbered 453 and the Hall was emptied in 3 minutes.

The programme for Sunday, May 23, consisting of selections from the works of Wagner will be as follows:—

1. Overture....."Rienzi"
2. (a) Aria—"Star of Eve" ("Tannhäuser")
   (b) Bridal Chorus and March ("Lohengrin")
3. Selection..."Die Meistersinger von Nürnberg"
   (a) Prelude to Act III
   (b) Dance of the Apprentices
   (c) Entrance of the Meistersingers
4. Overture..."The Flying Dutchman"
5. (a) "Träume"
   (b) Ein Albumblatt
6. Selection..."Lohengrin"

Conductor-in-charge, Mr. R. BUCK.

The performances during next week will (weather permitting) be as follows:

Mon.	May 24,	3 p.m.	Cricket Club Ground
Tues.	„ 25,	3 „	„
Wed.	„ 26,	5 „	Public Garden
Thurs.	„ 27,	4 & 9	Town Hall
Fri.	„ 28,	5 „	Hongkew Recreation Ground
Sat.	„ 29,	4 „	Public Recreation Ground
Sun.	„ 30,	9 „	Town Hall

Engineer's Report for April.

The weather during the month having been generally favourable, the outside work of the Department has been proceeded with uninterruptedly.

The replacing of the old brick sewer along Kiangse Road between Sungkiang Road and Foochow Road by a 3-ft. by 2-ft. egg-shaped concrete sewer was commenced at the beginning of the month, and it is anticipated that the work will be completed in about ten weeks. The work has been so arranged as to proceed in three shifts, viz., from 6 a.m. to 12 noon, from 12 noon to 6 p.m., and from 6 p.m. till 12 midnight. It has been found necessary to erect a steam-pump to keep the flow from the old sewer flooding the new work, and this fulfills its duties very satisfactorily. There is practically constant foreign supervision during the whole time and the work is proceeding as rapidly as circumstances will allow. The old sewer is one of the earliest drains constructed in the Settlement and it is undoubtedly time that it was replaced by a sewer of more modern construction. It has collapsed in several places during the last two years, and it is generally in a state of dilapidation.

In connexion with the Council's recent decision to allow a few experimental passenger trailer cars on the Tramway Company's system it is interesting to note that the Highways Committee of the London County Council has recently been considering the question of trailer-cars. It was pointed out that the use of trailers would reduce the cost of working and enable the heavy traffic to be dealt with more effectively. But it would, however, be necessary for the County Council to first obtain the sanction of the Board of Trade, which has hitherto been withheld so far as passenger trailers are concerned.

It may be noted that, commencing on May 1, the Department will have an increased number of ponies at its disposal. Under the existing contract

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with the Horse Bazaar the number of ponies supplied daily is 140. Under the new contract the number of ponies during the summer months will be 154.

Plans for this year's public lighting programme are being prepared for submission to the Works Committee.

Efforts have been made during the past two months to effect a saving in the cost of the electric lighting at the Police Stations. On February 17 an examination was commenced of the whole of the lighting system generally, and a complete schedule of the lights was compiled. Taking each Station in turn, every lamp has been examined, and those found to be carbonised were replaced by sound lamps and 16-c.p. lamps in such places as boys' rooms, stores, and unimportant passages, have been replaced by 8-c.p. lamps of good manufacture. In all 465 8-c.p. lamps have been installed, replacing the same number of 16-c.p. and 32-c.p. lamps, and 137 of the remainder being carbonized, have been replaced by sound lamps, as follows :—

Station	Total number of lamps in Station	Number of 8-c.p. lamps installed	Number of 16-c.p. carbonized lamps replaced
Central	356	103	28
Louza	150	51	3
Hongkew	228	46	52
Wayside	42§	10	5
Bubbling Well	73	32	...
West Hongkew	120	38	7
Yangtszepoo	90	9	4
Sinza	149	67	11
Harbin Road	55	20	7
Gaol	300	67	8
Western Police Depôt	100§	22	12
	1,633	465	137

§ New buildings being erected.

Complete tables have been formulated showing the correct power of each lamp in every Station, and enabling a proper record of lamp renewals to be kept.

Negotiations have been concluded in regard to two more strips of unregistered property along Peking Road, leaving only two pieces to be acquired. Satisfactory progress is being made with the registered lots and there is no doubt that the value of property will be appreciated considerably by the immediate conversion of this road from a "slum" street into a first-class metalled road running from the east to the west of the Central District, second only in importance to the Nanking Road.

Building operations now in progress at the south-east corner of Peking Road and Honan Road necessitate the setting back of the houses on the latter road to the scheduled line, the width of the road being thereby increased ten feet, which should greatly relieve the congestion of traffic.

A census of the traffic passing (east and west and north and south) at the junction of Nanking Road and Kiangse Road between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. was taken on the 5th, 6th and 7th of the month, and the figures given in the table below show the returns for 7th instant,—a typically fine day. A similar census was taken on January 23, 1902. A comparative table is submitted as follows :—

	January 23, 1902.			April 7, 1909.		
	No. passing from 7a.m.—7p.m	No. passing from 7a.m.—7p.m	Hour of greatest traffic	Hour of greatest traffic	No. for hour of greatest traffic	No. for hour of greatest traffic
Carriages	4,974	1,587	11 a.m. 12 noon	5 p.m. 6 p.m.	675	216
Motor Cars	—	299	—	5 p.m. 6 p.m.	—	83
Ricshas	15,944	16,460	3 p.m. 4 p.m.	11 a.m. 12 noon	1,650	1,803
Tramcars	—	490	—	9 a.m. 10 a.m.	—	53
Wheel-barrows	4,465	513	5 p.m. 6 p.m.	7 a.m. 8 a.m.	630	69
Pony-carts	1,557	124	10 a.m. 11 a.m.	12 noon 1 p.m.	240	15
Ponies	—	20	—	9 a.m. 10 a.m.	—	4
Hand-carts	714	95	10 a.m. 11 a.m.	2 p.m. 3 p.m.	80	23
Bicycles	—	859	—	1 p.m. 2 p.m.	—	92
Pedestrians	62,590	60,038	11 a.m. 12 noon	10 a.m. 11 a.m.	6,700	6,233

The reduction that has taken place in such items as wheel-barrows, hand-carts, etc., is owing to the Police Regulations, whereby such traffic is now directed into the less important thoroughfares.

With regard to the wear and tear on the roads caused by motor traffic, the following figures may be interesting:— In England and Wales the number of motor-cars per mile of *main* road is 4.07, for France the figure is 1.37, whilst that for the two Settlements and adjoining roads, works out at 5.16 per mile of main road.

In view of the increase in the traffic, special metalling experiments on entirely new lines are being made with the object of decreasing the amount of mud and dust, and experiments will also shortly be undertaken with a special preparation for treating road surfaces, known as "Tarvia."

The following is a summary of the work done by the Department during the month:—

Works in Progress.—Inspector's Quarters, Wayside Police Station. Indians' Quarters, Wayside Police Station. Native Police Hospital adjoining Victoria Nursing Home Western Police Depôt, Gordon Road. Laying 4-ft.-6-in. diam. culvert along the Chang Pang from Defence Creek to Manila Road. Raising Bubbling Well Cemetery Extension. Concrete bunding along the Soochow Creek on the south-east side of Chekiang Road Bridge. Repairs to Chapoo Road Bridge. Laying 3-ft. by 2-ft. concrete sewer along Kiangse Road from Sungkiang Road to Foochow Road. Raising Baikal Road. Raising Rangoon Road.

Works Finally Completed.—Removal and enlargement of Sinza Market. Draining, bricking and metalling, the widening of Bubbling Well Road west of Yates Road. Laying 3-ft. diam. culvert at the junction of Great Western Road and Seymour Road. Laying 2-ft. 3-in. by 1-ft. 6-in. sewer along North Honan Road. Repairs to Yalu Road Bridge. Concreting of Tramway track in Boundary Road by Tramway Company. Re-erection of two sampan jetties in North Yangtse Road. Erection of Volunteer Camps in Gordon Road and at the Rifle Range. Re-erection of old Steam Disinfector at Isolation Hospital.

Plans Completed.—Alterations to compound at Hongkew Police Station. New latrine off Thorburn Road. Longitudinal and cross sections of the Yangkingpang. 12-in. diam. sewer along Wuchow Road from East Yalu Road to Hailar Road. 1-ft. 6-in. by 1-ft. sewer along Alabaster Road and Kansuh Road. 2-ft. 3-in. by 1-ft. 6.-in. sewer along Boundary Road. Steam Roller Shed for Northern District. Plan and Section, Dalny Road.

Cleansing.—Sixty cartloads of garbage, 2,869 cartloads of road detritus

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and 2,498 cartloads of gully deposit were collected during the month.

Quarry.—4,362 tons of road materials have been received during the month from the Quarry. 457 tons were dispatched from the Quarry for account of the French Council during the month.

Concreteware.—The following concreteware has been made at the Range Road Depôt during the month:—

Hand made	742	pieces
Machine made	1,484	,,
Total...	2,226	,,

Creeks and River.—2,621 tons of mud were dredged and removed from the Defence Creek, 2,027 tons of mud from the mouth of the Soochow Creek between the Garden Bridge and the Whangpoo River, and 3,130 tons of mud from the Tsze Pang between the Soochow Creek and the Sinza Road Depôt.

New Buildings.

Summary of Work done during the month.

Description of work.	*Total*
Buildings under construction§	145
Plans submitted for sanction	35
Plans approved	34
Inspections by Inspectors	1,164
Permits for Carpenters sheds, etc.	26
,, ,, Boundary Walls	4
,, ,, Repairs to Buildings	79
,, ,, New Shop Fronts	20
,, ,, Painting	169
,, ,, Alterations	58
,, ,, Erecting Fences	26
,, ,, Erecting Sign Boards...	145
,, ,, Erecting Drying Stages	5
Dangerous Notices served.....	16
Summonses	0
Encroachments reported and rectified	1

§ These figures refer to the number of blocks of buildings under construction, the number of houses would be considerably greater.

Dangerous Structures.

Notices as to dangerous structures received from the public	0
Notices from other Departments ...	1
Dangerous structures reported by P.W.D.	13
Notices issued "A"	14
"B"	2

Remarks.—During the month plans have been approved for two native theatres, one in Hankow Road, and the other in Haining Road, and for one Cinematograph Hall in Chapoo Road. The Hankow Road theatre will seat 2,000 people.

Survey Work.

Official measurements of new land lots attended during the month..	44
Cadastral certificates issued	46
Consular lots surveyed	22
Surveys made in connexion with road widenings and/or extensions	51
Lots examined to ascertain whether they included road or waterways which are or may be in future of use to the public	62

M. C. R. stones have been erected as follows:—

Western District	2	stones.
Northern ,,	6	,,
Eastern ,,	2	,,
Total	10	,,

Miscellaneous.—The average number of labourers employed during the month, exclusive of contract work, has been 2,466 as compared with 2,208 during April, 1908.

CHARLES MAYNE,
Engineer and Surveyor.

Report of Captain-Superintendent of Police for April.

Strength of the Force on April 30, 1909.

Officers	8
Foreigners	223
Sikhs	547
Chinese	974
Clerical and Teaching Staff ...	44
Followers	91
Total ...	1,887

The Inspection of the S.M.P. by the members of the Municipal Council took place on April 26 last.

The total numbers present at the Inspection were:—

Foreigners	134
Sikhs	280
Chinese constables	539
Total	953

It may be of interest to ratepayers to point out that the above numbers were assembled without in any way denuding the streets of their ordinary guardians. So that this force may be reckoned upon as a police reserve ready and available at any moment should unforeseen circumstances unfortunately arise.

Crime during April.—A murder was committed in the Kweichow Road on the night of April 24

The circumstances connected with this murder are altogether unusual. The victim was a well-known Chinaman and the evidence in hand is sufficient to prove that robbery was not the motive, nor can the crime be directly attributed to the lawless characters known to harbour in the Settlement.

Of minor crimes there has been a marked decrease. The handbag snatching from foreign ladies mainly in the Hongkew District, the wholesale stealing of dials the property of the Shanghai Waterworks which has for a long time caused much inconvenience to the Company, the thefts of godown locks for the sake of the brass, and the wholesale stealing of bicycles which were disposed of to a large extent at Soochow are all cases in point. The perpetrators have in each case been run to ground and the gangs temporarily at any rate, broken up.

Attention is again invited to cases of robbery carried out in certain foreign housee, chiefly in Hongkew district, by a man who represented himself as an employee of the Shanghai Municipal Council, Electricity Department. Owing to the carelessness of servants in charge, the men referred to has in almost every case had no difficulty in obtaining access to the house he proposed to enter, and rarely left it without having acquired some articles of clothing or jewellery.

Fires.—The total number of fires reported during April 1909, was 20 against 19 reported during April 1908. One fire involved serious loss of life, and the circumstances under which these Chinese perished again direct attention to the death traps which many Chinese houses are.

Once the wooden staircase, frequently dark, of flimsy construction, and most difficult to ascend or descend even in daylight, catches alight little hope is left for the escape of the inmates who may be cut off in upper stories.

Bicycle Thefts.—The public are notified that several bicycle thefts have again been perpetrated. Although the efforts of the Criminal Investigation Department have succeeded in locating 10 of the stolen machines, thefts are likely to reoccur during the summer unless due precautions are taken.

If bicycles must be left unattended in the street, the only certain method of preventing their being stolen is to chain up either wheel by means of a small chain with padlock fastening. In almost all cases the cycles are ridden away at once after being stolen, and now that so many natives ride machines the Police have no means whatever of knowing whether the rider is the owner or not.

Licences.—Notice is hereby given that numerous dog and carriage licenses for the new year have not yet been taken out.

Inspectors of Police districts have been instructed to make the necessary inquiries as regards unlicensed dogs, and the Traffic Inspector will carry out the usual checking of carriages at some central point in the Settlement on May 25 next.

Here follow tables of persons coming under the notice of the Police for criminal and other offences, punishments inflicted, prisoners in custody, vehicles' licenses suspended and confiscated, dogs captured, etc., value of property stolen and recovered, and warrants and summonses.

C. D. BRUCE,
Captain-Superintendent of Police.

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Return of Persons coming under the notice of Police for Criminal and other Offences.

Offences.	Foreigners	Natives	Total
(a) OFFENCES AGAINST THE PERSON:—			
Attempted suicide		5	5
Cutting and wounding		4	4
Assault	9	99	108
Rape	1	3	4
Kidnapping		27	27
Cruelty to or trafficking in women or children		9	9
Bringing false accusation		4	4
(b) OFFENCES AGAINST RIGHTS OF PROPERTY:—			
Robbery (Armed)		5	5
Embezzlement		3	3
Extortion		11	11
Burglary		10	10
Housebreaking		12	12
Obtaining goods or money by false pretences		17	17
Fraud	2	11	13
Receiving stolen property		14	14
Unlawful possession		37	37
Uttering		1	1
Malicious injury	1	4	5
Larceny	4	336	340
Civil Offences:—Debt		43	43
Breach of contract		23	23
Others		17	17
Horse stealing		2	2
Criminal negligence (fires)		1	1
Infringement of trade-marks		4	4
(c) ACTS INJURIOUS TO THE PUBLIC:—			
Common nuisances	2	1,820	1,822
Vagrancy	1	82	83
Returning after expulsion		19	19
Disorderly and improper conduct	11	180	191
Soliciting prostitution	5	76	81
Depositing garbage	1	55	56
Traffic:—Furious driving		11	11
Obstruction		2,038	2,038
Selling lottery tickets		1	1
Excessive storage of straw		4	4
Insanitary premises		7	7
Public gambling		44	44
Illegal arrest or detention		2	2
Escaping from custody		3	3
Cruelty to animals		5	5
Arms, and fire arms, unlawful carrying	1	5	5
Miscellaneous	1	59	60
Evading license:—Liquor	3		3
Club		2	2
Opium-shop		6	6
Breach of license conditions:—Wine-shop		2	2
Dog	11	6	17
Building		1	1
Butcher's-shop		2	2
Lodging-house		27	27
Opium-shop		16	16
Pawn-shop		3	3
Tea-shop		12	12
(d) NOT CHARGED:—			
Beggars, Hawkers, Ragpickers		3,361	3,361
Others	34	446	480
Total	87	8,992	9,079

Return of Sentences.

Sentence.	Foreigners	Natives	Total
Imprisonment	7	458	465
Cangue		17	17
Expulsion or deportation		7	7
Fined	26	432	458
Imprisonment and cangue		11	11
" " expulsion	1	62	63
" " fined		5	5
" cangue and expulsion		13	13
Cangue and fined		1	1
Bail forfeited		3,819	3,819
Remanded	2	6	8
Cautioned	1	28	29
Dismissed	9	56	65
Released on Security		56	56
Left to Court		54	54
Handed to parents or guardians		29	29
Sent to Slave Girls' Refuge		1	1
" Sinza Refuge		77	77
" Door of Hope		6	6
" Native Authorities		22	22
Charge withdrawn		7	7
Sent on board ship for trial	5		5
Sent to Nursing Home	1		1
To report to Consul when ship arrives in port	1		1
Imprisonment		1	1
Sent to French Police		4	4
Appeared (as witnesses)		2	2
Escaped from Police custody		1	1
License recommended for cancellation		4	4
To return to Tientsin		6	6
Total	53	5,185	5,238

Prisoners in Custody

on April 30, 1909.

Central Station	55
Louza Station	69
Hongkew Station	69
West Hongkew Station	25
Harbin Road Sub-Station	12
Wayside Station	18
Gaol	920
Yangtszepoo Station	17
Sinza Station	21
Bubbling Well Station	11
Total	1,217

Vehicle Licenses.

	Suspended	Confiscated
Ricsha	1,620	2,012
Wheelbarrow	28	—
Handcart	—	—
Total	1,648	2,012

Value of Property Stolen between

March 27, and April 30, 1909.

	Dollars
Stolen	42,834.58
Recovered	29,358.03

Warrants and Summonses.

	Issued	Executed or Served
Warrants	78	29
Summonses	253	216

Dogs.

At Kennels Mar. 31, 09	21	169
Captured	148	
Returned	14	169
Killed	136	
Remaining at Kennels	19	

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MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION.

No. 1966.

PUBLIC SWIMMING BATH.

THE Public Swimming Bath in the North Szechuen Road, near the Hongkew Recreation Ground, will be open from and after to-morrow, May 8, from 6 o'clock a.m. to 9 o'clock p.m.

The Bath will be reserved for the use of ladies and children from 9 o'clock a.m. to 1.30 p.m., except on Sundays.

Admission 10 cents, payable at the door.

By order,

W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

Council Room,
Shanghai, May 7, 1909.

MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION.

No 1968.

PASSENGER PONTOONS.

NOTICE is hereby given that provisional arrangements have been made for the handling of in-coming passengers' baggage on the Pontoons, as follows :—

Authorized coolies, wearing blue coats and with a distinctive badge on the breast, will meet all tenders, and will take charge of baggage under the following tariff :—

(i) For removal from the pontoon to vehicles on the Bund, 5 cents per package.

(ii) For transport from the pontoon to any point within a distance of one mile, 30 cents for 133-lb. with an increase of 15 cents for each additional mile or part of a mile.

(iii) For transport to Pootung, as above (ii) with an additional 30 cents for boat-hire.

The headman in charge of the authorized coolies will give a receipt for baggage entrusted to his care.

There will be no interference with the private servants of residents and hotels, who will be permitted to act as heretofore.

The above arrangement will not apply to the baggage of passengers by outgoing tenders.

By order,

W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

Council Room,
Shanghai, May 17, 1909.

MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION.

No. 1969.

SICCAWEI ROAD.

REFERRING to Notification No. 1967, notice is hereby given that the Siccawei Road is re-opened to traffic, with effect from this date.

By order,

W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

Council Room,
Shanghai, May 26, 1909.

AT the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, May 19, 1909, at 4.30 p.m., there are present :

Messrs. D. Landale (*Chairman*)
H. De Gray
F. C. Heffer
W. D. Little
O. Meuser
W. A. C. Platt
J. Prentice
T. E. Trueman
The Secretary and
Assistant Secretary.

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

The minutes of the last meeting are read, confirmed, signed by the Chairman and passed for publication.

Police.

Foreign Branch.—The resignation of Sergeant J. R. Murray is accepted as from May 20.

The promotion of Constable G. Morgan to be 2nd Class Constable is authorized as from May 22, of Constable A. Aitkenhead with effect from May 28, and of the following as from May 25:—

W. Abbott
A. J. P. Coghlan
W. Hepburn
W. W. Kay
J. F. W. Milne
C. Morriss
W. C. Woodfield.

Buildings.—In comment upon a report of the Captain-Superintendent dated April 14, the view is recorded that additional foreign quarters are required at the Yangtszepoo Station ; and, while the provisional leasing of certain adjoining premises is authorized, the matter will remain for consideration with the Budget proposals for 1910.

With regard to a proposal to widen the Minghong and Woosung Roads by setting back the Hongkew Police Station wall, the Captain-Superintendent reports to the effect that the opportunity should be taken to build a higher wall and gateway such as has been built at Louza. The Council therefore directs the preparation of plans for this work, and an estimate of its cost utilizing convict labour.

Handbook of Local Regulations.

This publication, originally issued in 1903, has been revised and is approved for re-issue. The book consists of two parts, (i) the Conditions, Security and Fees attached to the issue of Licences under provision of Bye-law XXXIV, and (ii) certain Municipal Regulations and other information. Copies are ordered for distribution to the various Consular and the Mixed Courts.

Chinese Troops in the Settlement.

A letter from the Senior Consul is read, communicating the Taotai's reply to the Council's protest at the entry into the Settlement of the Viceroy's armed guard without notice in February last. The correspondence is ordered for publication :—

Council Room,
Shanghai, February 27, 1909.

SIR,—I have the honour to inform the Consular Body that on February 3, upon the occasion of the Viceroy's departure from Shanghai after his visit in connexion with the International Opium Commission, a force of 180 native soldiers armed with rifles and ammunition marched into the Settlement and occupied the Passenger Pontoon.

I am aware that efforts were made both by the Taotai, through yourself, and by the Mixed Court Magistrate in direct communication with the Council, to make application for the permits required for his Excellency's bodyguard, for no less than six of these were received; also that after the occurrence in question the native authorities stated, through an informal channel, that failure to obtain a permit for the valedictory escort was the result of a misunderstanding between the civil and military officials concerned. Moreover, the collision which might have occurred between the Police and these armed men in the course of their ejection from the Settlement, would have been particularly regrettable on an occasion such as that of the Viceroy's courteous

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visit to the Opium Conference. The Council accordingly hesitated in this instance to insist upon observance of the standing rule.

It must be observed that high officials of the Chinese Government when entering the limits of Municipal authority would be exposed neither to inconvenience nor to the possibility of harm, if they wholly relied both for ceremonial escort, and for ordinary protection, upon the trained and disciplined force which the Council on such occasions is invariably willing to hold at their disposal.

Further, I cannot refrain from pointing out that it is unusual that a guard of honour should carry ammunition in a civilized community; that in this Settlement, in view of local conditions, it is in the highest degree undesirable and objectionable; and that the greatest danger of outrage to life and property may result from indiscriminate and unauthorized entry by bodies of fully armed native military.

For these reasons I venture in conclusion to express the hope that you will transmit to the native authorities an expression of the Council's view, which I am confident the Consular Body will support, that a proceeding of the kind in question places an undue strain upon the Police, as responsible for good order in the Settlement, and might, if repeated lead to grave and unfortunate results.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

DAVID LANDALE,
Chairman.

D. SIFFERT, Esq.,
Consul-General for Belgium,
and Senior Consul.

Shanghai, May 12, 1909.

SIR,—With reference to your letter of February 27 as to the passage of native troops through the Settlement I have the honour to inform you that as regards the particular case of the Nanking Governor General's last visit to Shanghai we are now in receipt of a reply from the Taotai to our letter of March 2 supporting the Council's remarks. While asserting that the rifles carried by His Excellency's bodyguard were unloaded and that the soldiers had no ammunition with them, and explaining how the necessary permit could not be obtained in this instance, the Taotai promises that the standing rule will always be followed in future and states that he is circulating instructions in that sense.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

D. SIFFERT,
Consul-General for Belgium,
and Senior Consul.

D. LANDALE, Esq.,
Chairman, Municipal Council.

Translation of letter from Taotai T'sai Nai-huang, to the Senior Consul, dated April 27, 1909.

On March 6 the Taotai was in receipt of a letter from the Senior Consul to the effect that :—

"On February 3 the Southern "Commissioner of Trade having arrived "for the purpose of being present at the "International Opium Conference, left "Shanghai proceeding through the "Settlement with 180 soldiers carrying "arms and ammunition without paying "the least attention and holding no "permit ; and if for the future this "course is followed many difficulties are "to be apprehended."

The Taotai finds that since many years when envoys and ministers have passed through the local confines, or when the Viceroys or Governors of the province have arrived at Shanghai and traversed the French and Foreign Settlements, and when all parties have deputed detachments of guards to meet and send them off, a list of their number has hitherto been drawn up before the date in question, and a letter has been addressed to the Senior Consul requesting him to inform the Police to take measures. Recently, therefore, when the Southern Commissioner of Trade, Tuan Fang, arrived at Shanghai for the Opium Conference, a detachment was commissioned from the camp for attendance upon him, and it is on record that in accordance with rule the Taotai wrote the several communications to the Senior Consul, and to the British and French Consuls-General to inform the Municipal and French Councils to depute Police to take the necessary measures.

The Taotai has, therefore, investigated as to the ground for the Municipal Council's statement that no attention was paid, and that no permit was held, and a report has been received from Pao, Sub-Prefect, and Mixed Court Magistrate of the Settlement, containing the following statement :—

"It appears that at the time of the "return to Nanking of the Southern "Commissioner of Trade, Tuan Fang, "it was first arranged that he should "embark at the China Merchants' "Wharf, and a permit for the French "Settlement was made ready accordingly. "Thereafter the arrangements for the "departure of His Excellency were "suddenly changed and he embarked "from the Great Wharf. The route of "the soldiers already deputed was "therefore changed also, and they "proceeded to that point for the purpose "of escort at the departure; and since "the time available was short it was "not possible first to inform the Police "of the Settlement."

For the future, in accordance with standing rules steps will, of course, be taken beforehand and an understanding arrived at before the time, so that each side can take the necessary measures. Besides, therefore, addressing a dispatch instructing the Magistrate that information be given to this effect, the Taotai has, accordingly, to address this communication to the Senior Consul in reply, begging him kindly to take note.

The Taotai has further to add that the bodyguard sent for the purpose of escort on this occasion carried empty arms only and were not carrying ammunition, and it is hoped that this also will be communicated to the Municipal Council.

House Refuse Removal.

A report by the Health Officer outlines the arrangements made in this matter for the year ending April 30, 1910, describing the course pursued to dispose of the material to the best advantage as follows :—

"The position, as it stands now, is an improvement on what it was a year ago. The sale of house refuse to country boats for agricultural purposes has been encouraged and the use of house refuse for raising low ground and filling in stagnant waters, as an anti-mosquito measure, has been developed in a tentative manner. (See Annual Report page 88). The final object is to dispose of as much as possible of the house refuse to country boats for agricultural purposes and to use the remainder for raising low ground and filling in stagnant water. The greatest difficulties in the way of the latter method are transport and the irregular demand from the country boats, which becomes small from June to October."

Under the recommendations contained in this report the following arrangements are noted :—

(*a*) The closure of one chute in the Northern, and one in the Eastern District, has been made possible, by use of the material for filling in low-lying land.

(*b*) A depôt three miles up the Soochow Creek, for depositing such of the refuse as is not sold to the country people, has been rented for one year for the sum of $200 ; resulting in the closure of the depôt up the Whangpoo and thus facilitating transport, distribution of the material for filling in purposes, and general control and supervision.

(*c*) Informal agreements as before have been concluded with native contractors, as a result of tenders received, for the hire of boats and transport to the depôt, on terms which have become more advantageous owing to the successful development of the sale of the refuse to country people. The agreements are as follows :—

Removal from the Fearon Road chute $55 per mensem per 30 ton boat.

Removal from the Thibet Road chute $50 per mensem per 30 ton boat.

Removal from the Shantung Road chute $35 per mensem per 20 ton boat.

Removal from the Markham Road chute $12 per mensem.

Removal from the Kansuh Road chute $20 per mensem.

It is noted that the prices quoted for removal from the various garbage stations vary largely and are mainly dependent upon the existence or otherwise of a ready sale for the refuse to the country people in the vicinity.

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Municipal Properties.

Isolation Hospital Site.—With reference to the correspondence published in the Municipal Gazette of August 27, 1908, the Engineer reports that the owner of Cadastral lot 1151, Northern District, which is scheduled for inclusion in this site, is unwilling to accept the counteroffer made for the purchase of the land and the buildings thereon, and is unwilling to sell for less than Tls. 20,000. Under these circumstances it is decided to refer the case to the Land Commission for settlement:—

Council Room,
Shanghai, April 23, 1909.

MADAM,—I am directed to remind you that no reply has yet been received from yourself to the Council's letter of July 28 last, in reference to the sale of Cadastral lot 1151, Northern District, scheduled for inclusion in the Isolation Hospital site.

I am to request, therefore, that you will be so good as to state, at your earliest convenience, whether you are prepared to accept the counteroffer therein contained of Tls. 12,500 for the land and buildings. In the event of your being unwilling to agree to these terms the Council would prefer to leave the matter in the hands of the Land Commissioners for settlement.

I am, Madam,
Your obedient servant,
W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

Mrs. C. F. JOHNSTON,
42 Woosung Road.

Council Room,
Shanghai, May 24, 1909.

MADAM,—Referring to my letter of April 23, on the subject of the purchase by the Council of Cadastral lot 1151, Northern District, the Council is now informed that you are unwilling to sell the property for less than Tls. 20,000. Under the circumstances I am directed to state that the matter will be referred to the Land Commissioners for settlement.

Plans of the lot will be prepared and forwarded for your signature at an early date, and due notice of the next sitting of the Commission will be conveyed to you.

I am, Madam,
Your obedient servant,
W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

Mrs. C. F. JOHNSTON,
42 Woosung Road.

Public Works Department.

Staff.—Six months' leave is granted to Mr. C. Mayne, Municipal Engineer, with effect from May 28. Mr. P. Tilley, Divisional Engineer for the Central and Western Districts is permitted to terminate his agreement with effect from May 31 in consequence of uncertain health. Mr. F. G. Helsby is appointed Acting Divisional Engineer to date from June 1, and negotiations are in progress with a view to filling the vacancy in the Department by the engagement in England of an additional Engineering Assistant.

Public Lighting.

Central District.—A re-drawn plan of this District is submitted and approved showing metallic filament lamps substituted for gas east of the Honan Road.

Bubbling Well Road.—A metallic filament lamp experimentally hung over the middle of this road has been inspected and is considered to be entirely superior to the existing gas lamps, and the Council accordingly authorizes the adoption of this mode of lighting for the section of the road west of the Carter Road.

Siccawei Road.—The erection of ten metallic filament lamps is authorized between the Great Western Road and the end of the metalled section.

Photometer.—With a view to checking the candle power of public lamps the Engineer recommends the purchase of a portable Photometer at a cost of £48.5.0d. The matter being considered of some urgency the Council authorizes forwarding the requisite indent to London forthwith.

Parks and Open Spaces.

Hongkew Recreation Ground.—With regard to the application of the Shanghai Junior Golf Club for permission to erect a Golf House in this Ground, the following conditions have been imposed and accepted:—

(i) that the design and position of the building be approved by the Council.
(ii) that a nominal annual rent of Tls. 5 be paid for the privilege.
(iii) that no restriction be placed upon the use of the links by the public generally.

Road Extensions and Widenings.

Yates Road.—The proposal of the Engineer for increasing the scheduled width of this road between the Weihaiwei and Bubbling Well Roads, to 35 feet, are approved. After negotiations with Mr. J. F. Seaman on behalf of the owner, a give-and-take arrangement is sanctioned in respect to the frontage of Lots 2085, 2148 and 2161. The apportionment of the creek on the east of the road which has recently been filled in at Mr. Seaman's cost, forms part of this transaction, which involves payment by the Council of the sum of Tls. 499.50.

With regard to Lot 2155, in the ownership of the Council, the road will be set back to the new line forthwith.

Siccawei Road.—In response to a request by Mr. W. P. Lambe, the 12 foot metalled strip will be continued to the boundary of his property at an estimated cost of Tls. 165.

Jessfield and Brenan Roads.—Upon the recommendation of the Engineer, and for the convenience of the driving public, the completion of the metalling of the roads surrounding Brenan Piece is authorised, at an approximate cost of Tls. 1,960.

Tenders

The following are authorized for acceptance for the year ending March 31, 1910:—

Levelling new roads, Zee Yung-chong Tls. 0.40 per fong.

Raising new roads with mud, Zee Yung-chong.

Central District	Tls.	1.18	per fong
Western	,,	1.15	,,
Northern	,,	1.24	,,
Eastern	,,	1.24	,,

Bricking and Metalling new roads, Z. D. Liu, Tls. 7.80 per fong.

Supply of road materials, Z. D. Liu, as follows—

Broken bricks,	Tls.	0.82	per ton.
Ningpo Sand	,,	0.85	,,
Soochow Sand	,,	1.00	,,
Large chips	,,	1.05	,,
Fine chips	,,	1.20	,,

Supply of M.C.R. stones, Moh Tai hing Tls. 1.22.

Maintenance of Gordon, Ichang, Ferry, Brenan, Edinburgh, Robison, Connaught, Siccawei, Great Western, Kiaochow, Rubicon and Hungjao Roads, Sun Ba-kee $178 per month.

Painting bridges, jetties, bundings, markets, etc., Yue Chong, Tls. 3,507.

Excavating tidal ditches along new roads, Koh Zang-foo, Tls. 0.76 per chang.

Wheeling road materials, Z. D. Liu, broken bricks Tls. 0.35. chips and sand Tls. 0.30 per ton per mile.

Barging away road detritus, Zee-Shun-kee $350 per month.

Supply of cast iron manhole and gully covers, Fah Shing Iron Works Tls. 2.45 per 100 lbs.

Supply of wrought iron, Soy Chong, $4.25 per 100 lbs; supply of iron wire, Fah Shing Iron Works, Tls. 5.40 per 100 lbs.

Acceptance of the following is also authorised:—

Installation of electric light and bells at the Police Western Depot (Blocks D and E), E. E. Porter & Co. Ld., $360 and $840 respectively.

Painting (where required) at the Isolation Hospital, Joe Ming Kee Tls. 404.50.

Public School.

The minutes of the Public School Committee of May 13 relating to various matters of internal organisation are read and confirmed.

Resignation of Member.—Mr. Wilson has announced the resignation of his seat on the Committee owing to his approaching departure for home. This is accepted with regret, and it is noted that the present membership will suffice, without addition, until Mr. White-Cooper's return.

The meeting adjourns at 6.45 p.m.

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Notification of Infectious Disease.

The following have been reported during the week ending Sunday, May 23, 1909.	Death among Chinese population of 550,000	Cases notified among Non-Chinese population of 15,000.
Small-pox.	1	0
Cholera.	0	0
Typhoid Fever	—	1
Diphtheria.	0	0
Scarlet Fever.	0	0
Tuberculosis	14	0
Plague	0	0
Total Deaths from all Causes	111	2

ARTHUR STANLEY,
Health Officer.

Summary of Plague Prevention Work during the week ending May 23, 1909.

	District			
	Eastern	Northern	Central	Western.
Rats found dead and brought to the Laboratory for examination	101	175	114	7
Rats plague infected	1	1	0	0
Traps in operation	1800	1290	473	340
Rats trapped and burnt	451	301	104	84
Poisoned baits laid	30575	90000	0	4378
Houses temporarily rat-proofed and disinfected under notice to occupier	223	225	0	0
Houses rat-proofed under notice to owners	0	0	0	0
Person vaccinated against plague	0	0	0	0

ARTHUR STANLEY,
Health Officer.

Public Band.

Public Performances.—The attendance on Sunday, May 23, numbered 474 and the Hall was emptied in 4 minutes.

The programme for Sunday, May 30, consisting of those items which have proved the most popular during the past season, will be as follows:—

1. Hungarian Rhapsody No. 1, in F major Liszt
2. Selection..." Der Evangelimann " Kienzl
   (a) Magdalena's Song
   (b) Children's Scene
   (c) Folk Scene
3. —Selection—"Carmen".....Bizet
   (a) Prelude and Aragonaise
   (b) Nocturne
   (c) Bohemian Dance.

4. —Welsh Rhapsody..Edward German
5. —"In the Garden," from the Symphony "The Rustic Wedding" Goldmark.
6. —Slavonic Dances, No. 4 and 1.....Dvorak.

Conductor-in-charge, Mr. R. BUCK.

The Sunday performances of the Band in the Town Hall will cease after Sunday, May 30.

The performances during next week will (weather permitting) be as follows:

Mon.	May	31,	5 p.m.	Public Garden
Tues.	June	1,	5 „	Hongkew Recreation Ground
Wed.	„	2,	5 „	Public Garden
Thurs.	„	3,	5 „	Public Garden
Fri.	„	4,	5 „	Hongkew Recreation Ground
Sat.	„	5,	4 „	Public Recreation Ground

Health Officer's Report for April.

The Public Health continues remarkably good. No cases of Typhoid fever almost completely absent throughout has been notified. Small-pox has been the winter. 2,575 gratuitous vaccinations among Chinese have been done during the season at the Health Office and its out-stations. The out-stations have proved conspicuously useful in getting at those people who have no 'best clothes,' such as appear to be regarded as necessary for a visit to the Health Office, and enables the sanitary staff to place the advantages of vaccination more easily before those residents for whose health they are publicly responsible. There can be no doubt that the institution of local Health Stations as outlined in the last Annual Report would confer a great sanitary boon on the community.

A small outbreak of Relapsing Fever in the Hongkew Police Station cells was rapidly ended by pulicidal disinfection.

As regards Plague among rats the condition shows signs of improvement, which is very satisfactory, coming at a time when the condition might be expected to become aggravated and cases among man arise. The following figures tell their own tale and would appear to indicate the utility of the preventive measures which have been put into operation, which is most encouraging for the sanitary staff, who have been most strenuously employed during the past five months.

PLAGUE AMONG RATS:

COMPARATIVE MONTHLY FIGURES.

	Dec.	Jan	Feb.	Mch	Apr.
Rats examined	1359	1118	1375	2585	1897
Plague infected	50	26	30	41	21
Percentage infected	**3.7**	**2.3**	**2.2**	**1.6**	**1.1**
Corresponding figures for Bombay	3.5	5.4	12.9	26.4	(Not yet rec.)

The Western District has been free from infection since February. The Central District is now free from infection, only one plague-infected rat being discovered early in the month. This has enabled a considerable part of the plague-prevention staff in that district to be used for mosquito extermination work. Another economy in plague administration has been the limiting of temporary rat proofing measures to houses not keeping cats, which considerably lessens the work. An investigation has been made into the methods adopted by rice shops to keep away rats and it has been reported that cats are invariably kept, with a resulting complete immunity from rats. This, however, requires further confirmation.

The most dangerous part of the Settlement as regards plague-preventive measures is the farther part of the Northern district bordering on the Chapei district. A comparatively large number of plague-infected rats have been found near the border line of the Settlement in this neighbourhood and it is of the utmost importance to prevent an extension of the disease outside the boundary, which is unfortunately beyond sanitary control.

Since the commencement of operations 8,000 rat traps have been put into use and upwards of 2,000-lb. of rat poison used—the Eastern, Northern and Central Districts having been worked from one end to the other several times. A noteworthy feature has been the absence of any marked degree of opposition from the native community, co-operation being given to a greater extent than would naturally be expected, a circumstance which is considered to be due to the use of tact and forbearance and especially to the use of the Chinese language by the foreign staff, who thus get into much closer touch with the native community.

During the month mosquito brigades were organized, as outlined in the report for last month, with the assistance of eight men transferred from the Police working under the Sanitary Inspectors. The Chinese staff work under the immediate supervision of the foreigner,

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which has been found the only way of getting useful sanitary work done The following "Mosquito Notice" in English and Chinese has been distributed:—

MOSQUITO NOTICE.

NO STAGNANT WATER—NO MOSQUITOES.

Mosquitoes carry Malaria and other diseases.

Mosquitoes cannot multiply except in stagnant water. Where stagnant water cannot be abolished the use of kerosine sprinkled on the surface so as to form a film will kill mosquito 'wrigglers,' as it prevents them breathing when they come to the surface.

Old tins and bottles, broken crockery, flower-pots and unconsidered articles of this kind capable of holding rain water should be carefully collected from the garden and backyard and placed in the house refuse receptacle for removal.

Tubs, kongs, water plants, flower-pot saucers or other vessels of water which cannot be dispensed with should be emptied or sprinkled with kerosine once a week.

Gardeners' kongs, dug-outs, wells and water barrels should be done away with, water for the garden, etc., being derived directly from the tap or, if that be impossible, the kongs, etc., should be oiled once a week or kept securely covered so that mosquitoes cannot get to the water to lay their eggs.

Have the water from kennels, chicken coops, etc., regularly emptied out.

Keep drains and rain water roof channels clean and clear and in good repair. Gully traps that are not frequently flushed should be oiled weekly.

Shallow rain water pools and slushy places can generally be obliterated by a scratch drain or levelled with house ashes, ponds and ditches by filling-in with house refuse covered with a little earth or ashes.

Ornamental ponds may be kept free from mosquitoes by small fish but, if mosquito 'wrigglers' be found, the water should be oiled weekly preparatory to filling-in.

A weekly inspection of house and surroundings should be made. It may be remembered that a small unheeded pot of water will suffice to breed sufficient mosquitoes to irritate a whole neighbourhood.

Residents, within the Settlement, are requested to notify the Health Officer in writing if they are troubled with mosquitoes so as to serve as a check on the work of the staff and as an indication for further measures.

The new Sinza Market is now completed.

The license of the Nee Shing dairy, Markham Road, was withdrawn for ineradicable adulteration of milk after repeated prosecution of the licensee at the Mixed Court.

Here follow tables of Vital Statistics, Infectious Disease and Outdoor Sanitary Work; Work done in Municipal Laboratory, Municipal Hospitals and Slaughter-house; and lists of Laundries, Dairies and Dealers in Perishable Food-stuffs, etc., licensed for the protection of the Public Health.

ARTHUR STANLEY,
Health Officer.

Deaths.

	Foreign. Resident.	Foreign. Non-Resident.	Native.
Small-pox	0	1	0
Cholera	0	0	0
Typhoid Fever	0	0	0
Diphtheria	1	0	2
Scarlet Fever	0	0	0
Tuberculosis	1	4	56
From all causes	15	8	291

Infectious Disease Notified Among Foreign Resident Population.

Small-pox	0
Cholera	0
Typhoid Fever	0
Diphtheria	4
Scarlet Fever	3
Tuberculosis	0

Municipal Laboratory.

Small-pox vaccine issued	2791 tubes
Vaccinations	1006
Diphtheria Antitoxin issued	45
Cases undergoing anti-rabic treatment	2
Bacteriological examinations	57
Analysis	33

Victoria Nursing Home.

Cases admitted	40
Discharged	35
Died	1
Remaining last day of month	21
Nursed outside the Home	2
Daily visits	0
Nursing pre-engagements	3

Isolation Hospitals

	Foreign.	Native.
Cases Admitted—Small-pox	1	0
Cholera	0	0
Typhoid Fever	0	0
Diphtheria	4	3
Scarlet Fever	1	0
Other Diseases	5	32
Discharged	10	32
Died	2	2
Remaining last day of month	2	31

Report on Analysis of Water.

Sample received May 1, 1909.

Report sent out May 5, 1909.

Sample of Shanghai Waterworks Co.'s Water.

Physical Characters.—The water has a yellowish green colour with slight opacity. Reaction to litmus is faintly alkaline.

Solid Matter in Solution	13.2
a.—Volatile	7.2
b.—Fixed	6.0
Appearance on Ignition	Slight Charring
Total Hardness	8.0
a.—Temporary	4.0
b.—Permanent	4.0
Chlorine	2.25
Nitrogen as Nitrates	0.0413
Saline Ammonia	0.0027
Albuminoid Ammonia	0.0146
Poisonous Metals	Nil
Nitrites	Nil
Phosphates	Nil
Sulphates	Traces.

Bacteriological Examination.—Gelatine plates at 23°c. yielded an average of 80 micro-organisms per c.c.

Agar plates at blood heat showed 24 microbe colonies per c.c.,

Organisms of the coli group were present in quantities of 0 5 c.c. and upwards.

Report on Analysis.—A sample of water of good degree of chemical and bacterial purity.

Vaccinations.

October 1908 to April 1909.

Station	Vaccinations	
Health Office		1241
Eastern District Out-stations at		
1456 East Kashing Road	125	
1081 East Hanbury Road	26	
122 East Seward Road	61	
264 East Seward Road	79	
1417 East Seward Road	85	
1172 Yangtszepoo Road	92	
502 Yangtszepoo Road	48	
		516
Northern District		
Yung Kee, Butcher's shop, Hongkew Market	88	
English Church Mission Hall, G133 Tiendong Road	82	
Yung Tsong, Pawn shop, N. Shanse Road	43	
Elgin Market	82	
		295
Central District		
Red Temple	122	
Red Phoenix Theatre	238	
		360
Western District		
Yung Shing Gardens, Cemetery Road	26	
Ah Kew's Rent Office, 412 Bubbling Well Road	11	
Sinza Refuge, Sinza Road	91	
Nyung Hyi Oen Temple, Markham Road	35	
		163
		2575

Slaughter-House Returns.

	Slaughtered.	Rejected at Slaughter-house.	Passed for Slaughter from Cattle-sheds.	Passed for Export from Cattle-sheds.	Rejected at Cattle-sheds.
Oxen	1398	8	1398	0	0
Sheep	2723	3	2723	16	5
Calves	472	1	472	0	0
Pigs	259	5	0	0	0

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Summary of Plague Prevention Work During April.

	District				Total
	Eastern	Northern	Central	Western	
Rats found dead and brought to the Laboratory for examination	448	794	558	151	1951
Rats plague infected	11	9	1	0	21
No. of traps in operation	742	760	750	420	2672
No. of rats trapped and burnt	587	1212	715	501	3015
Poisoned baits laid	200111	370020	941000	18462	1529593
Houses temporarily rat-proofed and disinfected under notice to occupiers	779	872	77	166	1894
Houses rat-proofed under notice to owners	0	0	0	0	0
Persons vaccinated against plague	0	0	0	0	

Mosquito Extermination Work during April

	District.				
	Eastern	Northern	Central	Western	Total
Stagnant waters on land removed	13	7	0	185	205
Stagnant waters in and around houses removed	2698	1188	6568	653	11107
Stagnant waters oiled weekly	217	20	0	175	412

Licensed Laundries.

Laundry.	Situation.
EASTERN	DISTRICT.
Ah Chow	465-6 Dent Road
Ah Kung	467 do.
Old Ah Foo	469-71 do.
Jackson	472-3 do.
Big Sam	66-8 Dent Lane
Jim	1858 Seward Road
Wo Yue	1859 do.
Yue Shing	1860 do.
Ching Kee	1861 do.
Mew Shing	1862 do.
Ah Ling	1863 do.
Big Jim	1192 Yuhang Road
Ah Kee	222 Tongshan Road
No. 1 Kashing	262-3 Harbin Road
No. 2 „	260-1 do.
No. 3 „	258-9 do.
No. 4 „	257-8 do.
No. 5 „	256 do.
No. 6 „	255 do.
No. 7 „	254 do.
No. 8 „	253 do.
No. 9 „	251-2 do.
No. 10 „	250-1 do.
No. 11 „	249 do.
No. 12 „	248 do.
No. 13 „	247 do.
No. 14 „	245 do.
No. 15 „	243-4 do.
No. 16 „	242 do.
No. 17 „	241 do.
No. 18 „	240 do.
No. 19 „	239 do.
Nos. 20-50 „	237-234 do.
NORTHERN	DISTRICT.
Yoh Shing	846 Woosung Road
Miller	308 Miller Road
Chin Kee	1113 Woosung Road
Wong Ah Sam	1381 Haining Road
Yah Tah Tung	Pd. 2818 Haining Rd
N. Y. K.	N. Szechuen Rd. Ex.
Japanese	Pd 778 Elgin Road
International No. 1-13	N. Szechuen Rd. Ex.
WESTERN	DISTRICT.
Yung Shing Washing Co	318-309 Yiking Rd.
Woo Kee Washing Co.	259 Taku Road
Do Foo Washing Co.	55 Yates Road
Ziang Shing „ „	24 Weihaiwei Rd
Shz Shing Washing Co.	105 „
„ „ „ „	104 „
Yung Sun Washing Co.	210 „
„ „ „ „	210 „
„ „ „ „	210 „
„ „ „ „	210 „
„ „ „ „	210 „
Shanghai Steam Laundry Co.	210 „

Licensed Dairies.

Dairy.	Situation.
EASTERN	DISTRICT.
Riverside Farm	76 Yangtszepoo Road
Shanghai Dairy	„ „
Inshallah Dairy Farm	71 Ward Road
Sung Shing Dairy	Thorburn Road
Yangtszepoo Farm	„ „
Farfield Dairy	19 Kwenming Road
Wayside Dairy	1543 Tongshan Road
Tuh Shing	East Kashing Road
NORTHERN	DISTRICT.
International Dairy	N. Szechuen Road
Hongkew Dairy	„ „
Yong Shu Fong	N. Honan Road
Mo Hung Shing	N. Szechuen Road
Ching Kee	N. Honan Road
Hong Kee	N. Szechuen Road
Pau Chee	N Honan Road
Shing Chee	N. Honan Road
Private Dairy	Range Road
WESTERN	DISTRICT.
The Farm	Siccawei Road
Crawford's Dairy	„ „
St. George's Farm	Bubbling Well Road
Swiss Farm	„ „ „
Culty's Dairy	Route d'Oumer
Lemke's (Private) Dairy	460 Ave. Paul Brunat
Hung Fei's Dairy	Bubbling Well Road
Yuen Sang	„ „ „
Zee Butler	801 Burkill Road
Gordon Rd. Dairy Co.	1128 Gordon Road
Yui Chong	756 Avenue Road
Fok Kyi	1401 „ „
Hop Shing	1 Yu Yuen Road
Nee Shing	Markham Road
Yok Kyi	Medhurst Road
The Dairy Farm and Produce Co.	Siccawei Road

Licensed Butchers, Poultry, Game and Vegetable Dealers.

Butchers.	Situation.
NORTHERN	DISTRICT.
W. Futterer	1106 Broadway
Fritz Pasche	7 „
R. Neumann	Astor Road
Dzung Yung Chung	72 Tiendong Road
Kyung Yue Shing	671 „ „
Tsiang Ka Va	672 „ „
Lo Jung	957 Woochang Road
Sieu Kam Cheong	5 and 6 Market Road
Wong Yeek Sang	1457 Woosung Road
Vee Ching Kee	1578 „ „
Ah Sing	17 Market Road
A. Möhle	178 Boone Road
CENTRAL	DISTRICT.
Hop Foong	17 Maloo Market
Hong Kee	19 „ „
Yeh Tai	27 „ „
Tsin Tai	28 „ „
Yong Ta	29 „ „
Hopkins	1 Ningpo Road
Vegetable and Game.	
CENTRAL	DISTRICT.
Tsao Sung Ling	12 Maloo Market
Lin Yun Kung	14 „ „
Tsu Chee Ling	15 „ „
Vee Ah Sun	16 „ „
Loh Ah Sai	18 „ „
Nui Ah Char	26 „ „
Zung Tsau Ming	30 „ „
Bak Yung Ling	31 „ „
Chu Wai Chu	33 „ „
NORTHERN	DISTRICT
Tsau Sung Ling	677 Tiendong Road
Yue Ming Kwai	1451 Woosung Road
Vee Fah Kee	182 Market Road
Sau Z. Yoong	32 & 33 Miller Road

General Sanitary Work for April.

	District				Total.
	Eastern	Northern	Central	Western	
Vaccination against small-pox	288	194	325	124	931
Enquiries after notification of foreign cases of infectious disease	4	3	0	0	7
Enquiries after notification of Chinese cases of, and deaths from, infectious disease	23	22	107	5	157
Rooms disinfected after infectious disease	44	42	279	6	371
Articles of clothing, bedding, etc., disinfected by steam	1377	366	467	16	2226
Houses cleansed and lime washed	1184	842	96	273	2395
Ventilation and lighting amended	0	9	0	7	16
Defective drainage amended	8	28	0	7	43
Insanitary wells abolished	1	4	0	3	8
Proper water supply provided	0	0	0	1	1
Insanitary latrines and urinals rendered healthy	0	4	1	8	13
Night-soil pits and kongs abolished	46	50	0	197	293
Exposed coffined corpses removed and buried	3	1	0	27	31
Smoke nuisances suppressed	0	1	0	0	1
Offensive trade processes amended	0	0	0	0	0
Beggar-boats removed	4	0	0	0	4
Complaints of insanitary conditions received from the public	2	8	6	7	23
Insanitary conditions reported by Health Office	31	56	0	16	103
Written intimation issued for sanitary amendment	14	24	1	9	48
Second written intimations issued for sanitary amendment	13	1	0	1	15
Notices of intention to proceed served	0	0	0	0	0
Samples taken for analysis	6	7	0	26	39
Pounds of unsound food destroyed	554	130	100	22	806
Hawkers brought into markets	134	92	50	15	291
Food prosecutions	0	32	0	2	34
House refuse prosecutions	25	27	0	0	52
Laundry and other prosecutions	2	5	0	0	7
Tons of ordure removed	1200	2500	1610	1080	6390
Tons of house refuse removed	2134	2173	3075	801	8183

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Summary of General Municipal Rate, Foreign. March Quarter

	1909.		1908.		1907.	
	No. of Houses.	Rental Assessment.	No. of Houses.	Rental Assessment.	No. of Houses.	Rental Assessmen
		$		$		$
Central District.....	12,298	4,218,730	12,273	4,230,931	12,385	3,837,583
Northern do.	15,657	2,093,615	15,395	2,055,023	15,041	1,880,014
Eastern do.	12,801	938,656	12,348	938,175	11,953	855,204
Western do.	10,222	1,002,154	9,749	956,669	8,817	813,394
Outside Settlement Limits	3,882	344,241	3,019	241,749	2,194	170,827
Total	54,860	8,597,396	52,784	8,422,547	50,390	7,557,022
Occupied by Natives	49,007	7,454,598	47,763	7,366,180	47,149	6,857,097
do. Foreigners	1,160	304,596	1,238	475,127	1,051	361,579
Unoccupied	4,693	838,202	3,783	581,240	2,190	338,346
Total	54,860	8,597,396	52,784	8,422,547	50,390	7,557,022
Tax Collected—		$		$		$
Central District		117,866		101,665		93,719
Northern do.		56,357		47,317		44,438
Eastern do.		24,486		20,613		19,569
Western do.		24,618		20,143		18,277
Outside Settlement Limits		4,375		2,457		2,024
Total		227,702		192,195		178,027

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Summary of Revenue for April.

Description	Estimate	1909			1908			1907		
		Number	Amount	Total from January 1.	Number	Amount	Total from January 1.	Number	Amount	Total from January 1.
	Tls.		Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.		Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.		Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.
LAND TAX	685,400	—	204,249.21	223,621.88	—	33,231.49	41,080.86	—	141,424.22	155,557.52
GENERAL MUNICIPAL RATE—										
Foreign	499,800	—	61,948.90	120,780.21	—	64,051.21	88,969.22	—	55,684.12	87,888.28
Native	650,400	—	94,907.58	260,503.96	—	55,225.30	194,905.07	—	66,356.25	191,532.33
WHARFAGE DUES	160,000	—	—	40,019.83	—	—	38,529 32	—	—	44,496.99
LICENSE FEES—										
Foreign Hotel and Tavern	6,500	23	1,813.34	3,465.34	19	1,500.00	2,783.75	21	1,290.75	2,663.50
Foreign Liquor Seller	18,000	104	4,133.33	8'506.66	114	4,560.00	9,163.02	111	4,426.67	9,206.67
Restaurant	4,700	35	1,050.00	2,100.00	40	1,190.00	2,325.00	39	1,170.00	2,400.00
Billiard and Bowling Saloon	700	24	141.00	282.00	23	168.00	341.50	22	162.00	324.00
Native Club	4,000	32	800.00	800.00	—	—	—	—	—	—
Native Lodging-house	6,600	359	1,799.00	3,558.00	349	1,743.00	3,016.23	318	1,136.58	2,331.60
Native wine-shop	16,000	551	2,943.00	5,531.00	514	1,728.50	3,645.96	668	1,816.66	3,738.03
Tea-shop	7,500	580	754.50	2,359.46	546	477.11	1,869.45	508	447.34	1,775.98
Foreign Theatre	1,800	22	275.00	993.00	13	224.00	776.00	13	151.00	447.35
Native Theatre	3,600	24	393.00	1,432.00	23	363.00	1,092.00	20	220.00	889.50
Pawn-shop	17,000	—	—	4,498.54	—	—	4,654.48	—	—	4,906.60
Opium-shop	17,000	170	1,928.50	4,437.45	87	345.02	1,399.33	88	348.26	1,529.40
Opium-house	35,000	643	5,900.00	12,352.92	1,416	4,721.27	19,204.89	1,604	5,241.62	21,106.07
Cargo Boat	5,800	768	420.63	1,658.82	742	381.36	1,696.94	777	445.79	1,884.74
Ferry and Passenger Boat	1,100	65	95.02	356.84	64	93.37	337.41	75	109.35	410.64
Steam Launch	2,200	114	421.72	970.70	105	404.75	939.26	119	386.48	906.11
Native Boat	3,700	1,572	281.07	1,131.48	1,693	312.16	1,254.65	2,079	368.93	1,257.81
Sampan	1,500	102	74.33	453.94	116	84.23	501.51	104	75.60	591.15
Private-owned Pony and Carriage	14,500	P. 982 C. 701	3,374.15	7,405.20	P. 1,009 C. 806	3,714.51	6,724.89	P. 1,024 C. 786	2,462.05	5,533.39
Livery Stable	26,000	P. 765 C. 596	2,295.63	9,079.65	P. 802 C. 632	2,418.99	9,611.25	P. 838 C. 669	2,553.20	10,205.29
Motor Car	2,500	98	588.00	1,236.00	87	507.00	951.22	71	298.48	619.94
Cart	20,000	1,435	2,786.00	6,368.43	1,104	1,380.27	6,320.98	1,282	1,803.14	6,014.06
Private-owned Ricsha	38,000	4,231	9,250.94	18,998.75	3,935	8,571.85	16,245.64	4,824	7,012.84	14,902.74
Public Ricsha	107,000	8,697	9,510.75	37,543.00	8,299	9,023.15	36,643.44	8,478	9,237.48	36,363.50
Sedan-chair	5,200	432	944.65	2,143.32	577	1,260.89	2,718.85	507	1,114.21	2,655.43
Wheel-barrow	39,000	7,920	3,965.91	11,875.14	8,360	3,310.74	13,059.88	8,771	3,736.48	13,308.31
Firearms	2,700	4	525.00	1,125.00	—	—	—	—	—	—
Dog	1,000	192	140.74	553.60	128	93.18	631.66	108	79.27	321.32
RENT OF MUNICIPAL PROPERTIES—										
Markets	38,000	2,973	3,023.62	11,988.71	2,771	2,836.81	11,504.63	2,322	2,379.45	9,608.91
Town Hall	1,000	—	300.00	430.00	—	130.00	216.95	—	1,506.00	1,811.00
Firemen's Quarters	2,500	—	235.00	626.00	—	147.00	434.00	—	270.00	1,400.00
FROM PUBLIC COMPANIES—										
Gas Co., Ld.	6,000	—	493.21	1,972.45	—	493.98	1,931.45	—	—	1,340.00
Mutual Telephone Co., Ld.	3,000	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Electric Construction Co., Ld.	15,000	—	—	3,811.17	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total Tls.	2,469,700		421,762.78	814,970.45		204,692.14	525,480.69		313,714.22	639,928.16

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT

SHOWING

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

FOR THE YEAR 1909

AND

ACTUAL RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

FOR THE QUARTER ENDED MARCH 31.

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ORDINARY RECEIPTS.	Estimated.		For quarter ended March 31.	
	Tls.	Tls.	Tls.	Tls.
LAND TAX		685,400		19,372.67
GENERAL MUNICIPAL RATE.				
Foreign	499,800		58,765.01	
Native	650,400		165,596.38	
		1,150,200		224,361.39
WHARFAGE DUES		160,000		40,019.83
LICENSE FEES.				
Foreign Hotel and Tavern	6,500		1,652.00	
Foreign Liquor Seller	18,000		4,373.33	
Restaurant	4,700		1,050.00	
Billiard and Bowling Saloon	700		141.00	
Native Club	4,000		275.00	
Native Lodging House	6,600		1,759.00	
Native Wine Shop	16,000		2,588.00	
Tea Shop	7,500		1,604.96	
Foreign Theatre	1,800		718.00	
Native Theatre	3,600		1,039.00	
Pawn Shop	17,000		4 498.54	
Opium Shop	17,000		2,508.95	
Opium House	35,000		6,452.92	
Cargo Boat	5,800		1,238.19	
Ferry and Passenger Boat	1,100		261.82	
Steam Launch	2,200		548.98	
Native Boat	3,700		849.41	
Sampan	1,500		379.61	
Private-owned Pony and Carriage	14,500		4,031.05	
Livery Stable	26,000		6,784.02	
Motor Car	2,500		648.00	
Cart	20,000		3,582.43	
Private-owned Ricsha	38,000		9,747.81	
Public Ricsha...	107,000		28,032.25	
Sedan Chair	5,200		1,198.67	
Wheelbarrow	39,000		7,909.23	
Firearms	2,700		600.00	
Dog	1,000		321.01	
		408,600		94,793.18
RENT OF MUNICIPAL PROPERTIES.				
Markets	38,000		8,965.09	
Town Hall	1,000		130.00	
Firemen's Quarters	2,500		391.00	
Miscellaneous			203.65	
		41,500		9,689.74
CONTRIBUTIONS FROM PUBLIC COMPANIES.				
Shanghai Gas Co., Ld.	6,000		1,479.24	
Shanghai Mutual Telephone Co., Ld. ...	3,000			
Shanghai Electric Construction Co., Ld. ...	15,000	24,000	3,811.17	5,290.41
Totals of Ordinary Receipts...		2,469,700		393,527.22

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ORDINARY PAYMENTS.	Estimated		For quarter ended March 31	
	Tls.	Tls.	Tls.	Tls.
POLICE.				
Pay and Allowances.				
Foreigners.				
Pay	325,815		71,460.40	
Rent Allowances	5,160		974.28	
Fuel and Light Allowances	1,800		426.00	
Language Allowances	17,670		4,116.57	
Allowances for duty at Mixed Court	1,350		285.00	
Allowance for Stenographer	240		97.50	
Drill Allowances	250		63.00	
		352,285		77,422.75
Sikhs.				
Pay	99,420		22,589 76	
Deferred Pay	15,100		3,617 73	
Language, Drill, Traffic and Rent Allowances	6,000		1,003.62	
		120,520		27,211.11
Chinese.				
Pay	145,886		36,600.99	
Language, Drill and Traffic Allowances	510		102.15	
Merit Allowances	450		110.30	
		146,846		36,813.44
		619,651		141,447.30
Superannuation		41,100		7,748.08
Passages		16,720		5,742.17
Uniform and Equipment		68,760		11,975.35
Locomotion		10,194		1,831.16
Medical Aid		8,340		731.94
Patrol Ponies		4,290		947.97
Fuel		21,000		7,702.66
Light		16,700		5,330.71
Water		3,800		636.80
Printing, Stationery, Advertising, etc.		6,500		2,153.53
Insurance		2,050		2,101.45
Funeral Expenses		500		
Carried forward		819,605		188,349.12

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ORDINARY PAYMENTS—*continued*	Estimated.		For quarter ended March 31.	
	Tls.	Tls.	Tls.	Tls.
Brought forward		819,605		188,349.12
POLICE—*continued.*				
Expenses of Prisoners.				
Food	25,350		6,067.84	
Clothing	10,500		3,062.71	
Photographs	1,000		219.26	
Miscellaneous	1,000		128.83	
		37,850		9,478.64
Telephone Service		2,000		634.02
Expenses for Catching Stray Dogs	1,205		200.90	
Less—Redemption Fees	1,200		265.53	
		5		*Cr.* 64.63
Recruiting Expenses in England		9.750		1,142 84
Maintenance and Repairs.				
Furniture and Fittings	950		1,151.70	
Arms	150		85.43	
		1,100		1,237.13
Gratuities and Rewards		1,500		652.85
Musketry Course		1,200		216.08
Miscellaneous Expenses		4,000		1,276.79
		877,010		202,922.84
Less.				
Mixed Court Fines	40,000		11,706.07	
Receipts for Special Services	21,000		4,918.23	
Proceeds from Sale of Unclaimed Property	1,000			
Profit on Convict Labour	30,000	92,000		16,624.30
Totals carried to Summary		785,010		186,298.54
STOCK AND STORES.				
Furniture		16,000		592.25
Lamps, whistles, and truncheons		600		
50 Rifles		2,850		
Motor Car Accessories		720		
Remounts for patrol		500		
Miscellaneous		5,000		86.18
Totals carried to Summary		25,670		678.43

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ORDINARY PAYMENTS.	Estimated.		For quarter ended March 13.	
	Tls.	Tls.	Tls.	Tls.
HEALTH DEPARTMENT.				
HEALTH OFFICE.				
Pay and Allowances.				
Foreigners.				
Pay	69,430		15,562.85	
Rent Allowances	660		300.00	
Fuel and Light Allowances	1,080		270.00	
Language Allowances	4,000		925.16	
		75,170		17,058.01
Chinese.				
Pay	44,250		11,137.64	
Pay Special Plague Prevention Staff	20,000	64,250	3,267.25	14,404.89
		139,420		31,462.90
Superannuation		7,100		1,635.44
Passages		500		
Locomotion		4,000		709.43
Fuel		1,750		824.15
Light		1,750		186.29
Water		2,750		347.92
Printing, Stationery and Books		1,500		665.01
Insurance		770		801.58
Telephone Service		500		205.68
Notification of Infectious Disease		450		115.00
Laboratory Apparatus, Animals and Chemicals ...		4,500	322.61	
,, ,, Plague Prevention			223.47	
				546.08
Disinfection		7,500	1,831.55	
,, Plague Prevention			2,163.09	
				4,044.64
Sanitary Apparatus and Materials		8,000	451.12	
,, ,, Plague Prevention			2,733.20	
				3,184.32
House Refuse Disposal		7,500		1,743.13
Maintenance and Repairs		1,500		225.19
Miscellaneous		1,500	199.45	
,, Plague Prevention			158.66	358.11
		190,990		47,054.87
Less.				
Receipts from Laboratory products and Certificates ...	12,000		4,098.26	
Contribution from French Municipal Council to Laboratory	1,000			
Slaughter House Fees	15,000		3,235.95	
Sale of Ordure	54,000	82,000	13,684.15	21,018.36
Totals carried to Summary		108,990		26,036.51
EXTRA-DEPARTMENTAL.				
Medical Attendance on Staff		7,500		1,585.00
Port Health Work—Contribution to maintenance of Customs Quarantine Station		6,000		1,500.00
Grant to General Hospital	4,000		1,000 00	
,, ,, Shantung Road Hospital	2,000		500 00	
,, ,, St. Luke's Hospital	2,000		500.00	
,, ,, ,, ,, Special	5,000	13,000	1,250.00	3,250.00
Totals carried to Summary		26,500		6,335.00

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ORDINARY PAYMENTS.	Estimated.		For quarter ended March 31.	
	Tls.	Tls.	Tls.	Tls.
HEALTH DEPARTMENT—*continued.*				
HOSPITALS.				
Pay and Allowances.				
Foreigners.				
Pay	22,980		5,145.57	
Language Allowances	300		36.00	
Special Duty	2,000	25,280	118.33	5,299.90
Chinese.				
Pay		7,000		1,263.33
		32,280		6,563.23
Superannuation		3,870		1,348.82
Passages		4,000		1,603.46
Uniform		1,500		273.33
Locomotion		800		268.59
Fuel		4,500		2,049.64
Light		4,500		595 69
Water		400		69.80
Printing and Stationery		400		117.91
Insurance		730		732.37
Telephone Service		400		67.37
Drugs and Instruments		3,500		2,267.08
Messing		18,000		4,118.60
Washing		1,200		433.94
Expenses of engaging Staff in England		400		222.35
Maintenance and Repairs		3,000		192.96
Miscellaneous		1,000		226.40
		80,480		21,151.54
Less—Receipts from Victoria Nursing Home	25,000		6,281.46	
,, ,, Isolation Hospital	7,000		1,342.24	
,, ,, Police Hospital	2.000		241.00	
,, ,, Sanatorium	1.000		330.13	
Contribution from French Municipal Council	600	35,600		8,194.83
Totals carried to Summary		44,880		12,956.71
CEMETERIES, CREMATORIUM AND PUBLIC MORTUARY.				
Pay and Allowances.				
Foreigners. Pay	2,500		618.00	
Chinese. Pay	3,000		721.64	
Language Allowance	288		72.00	
		5,788		1,411.64
Superannuation		180		43.50
Grave Contractor, etc.		2,500		487.64
Fuel		250		52.72
Insurance		50		73.90
Maintenance and Repairs		500		157.20
Miscellaneous Expenses		250		20.52
		9,518		2,247.12
Less—Fees for Cremation	500		200 00	
,, Grave making	3,000		722.50	
,, Grave spaces	2,500		675.00	
,, Reservation	500	6,500	70.00	1,667.50
Totals carried to Summary		3,018		579.62
SWIMMING BATH.				
Pay and Allowances.				
Allowance of Assistant Inspector	180			
Chinese. Pay	300	480	33.81	33.81
Light		150		5.83
Water		750		
Insurance		50		50:40
Miscellaneous Expenses		400		34.69
		1.830		124 73
Less—Receipts from bathers		750		
Totals carried to Summary		1,080		124.73
STOCK AND STORES.				
Laboratory and Sanitary Apparatus		2,500		926.67
Hospital fittings and furniture including that of Police Hospital		7,500		2,699.90
Turnstile for Swimming Bath		350		
Totals carried to Summary		10.350		3,626.57

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ORDINARY PAYMENTS.	Estimated		For quarter ended March 31.	
	Tls.	Tls.	Tls.	Tls.
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.				
GENERAL.				
Pay and Allowances.				
Foreigners.				
Pay	91,760		22,975.16	
Rent Allowances	1,060		120.00	
Fuel and Light Allowances	600		90.00	
Language Allowances	576		161.42	
		93,996		23,346.58
Chinese.				
Pay		11,200		2,671.45
		105,196		26,018.03
Superannuation		9,000		2,257.50
Passages		3,800		924.89
Locomotion		6,770		1,299.14
Fuel		250		154.15
Light		500		115.50
Printing, Stationery, Advertising, etc.		2,000		1,363.44
Insurance		146		136.45
Telephone Service		600		275.24
Drawing Materials and Plans		1,000		380.59
Miscellaneous Expenses		1,300		141.55
		130,562		33,066.48
Less.—Building Permit fees	3,000		721.60	
Private Works Supervision fees	5,000		694.94	
Miscellaneous Permit fees	5,500	13,500	1,985.52	3,402.06
Totals carried to Summary		117,062		29,664.42
BUILDINGS.				
Upkeep and General Repairs to:—				
Town Hall		2,800		953.71
Police Stations		8,000		2,186.61
Health Department Buildings		11,500		1,868.45
Other Municipal Buildings		10,000		1,122.82
Totals carried to Summary		32,300		6,131.59

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ORDINARY PAYMENTS—*continued.*	Estimated.		For quarter ended March 31.	
	Tls.	Tls.	Tls.	Tls.
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT—*continued.*				
CREEKS AND RIVERS.				
Repairs and Renewals to :—				
Bridges	15,200		1,451.63	
Bundings	12,000		*Cr.* 124.41	
Jetties and Pontoons	5,100		515.63	
		32,300		1,842.85
Working expenses of steam dredger		3,500		1,956.09
Cleaning, etc., main lines of creeks		8,000		1,712.51
Totals carried to Summary		43,800		5,511.45
DRAINAGE.				
Constructing new sewers in the following roads :—				
Connaught Road, extending culvert over Hsu Kung Pang	275			
Chungking Road, concrete culvert to replace existing bridge over the Chang Pang. Half cost... ...	350		562.13	
Ferry Road, extending existing culvert near Sinza Road	1,600			
Yates Road, reinforced concrete culvert to replace existing wooden bridge over Sze Pang	2,000			
Hungjao Road, concrete culvert to replace existing wooden bridge	1,570			
Jessfield Road, east side between Connaught Road and Robison Roads	410			
Jessfield Road, extending existing culvert near Brenan Piece	1,424			
Taku Road, between Cadastral Lots 1370 and 1410 ...	1,440			
North Honan Road, balance of cost	9,700		7,606.61	
Boundary Road, North Honan Road to North Chekiang Road	8,800			
Wuchow Road, East Yalu Road to Hailar Road ...	1,200			
Kaifeng Road, North Thibet Road to Winchester Road	380			
Alabaster Road, Winchester Road to Kansuh Road ...	2,900			
Kansuh Road, Alabaster Road to North Soochow Road	2,900			
Kiangse Road, reconstruction of existing sewer between Sungkiang and Foochow Roads	9,900			
		44,849		8,168.74
Iron Gully and Manhole Covers...		1,500		743 90
Repairing and cleaning drains		8,000		966.31
Renewing street gullies		2,000		47.73
		56,349		9,926 68
Less—Profit on Concreteware Manufactory		5,000		
Totals carried to Summary		51,349		9,926.68

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ORDINARY PAYMENTS—*continued.*	Estimated.		For quarter ended March 31.	
	Tls.	Tls.	Tls.	Tls.
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT—*continued.*				
ROADS.				
Pay and Allowances.				
Foreigners.				
Pay	23,430		5,871.71	
Rent Allowances	480		95 00	
Language Allowances	432		144.00	
		24,342		6,110.71
Chinese.				
Pay		73,926		14,355.97
		98,268		20,466.68
Superannuation		1,900		444.50
Passages		1,300		
Uniform		1,200		1,235.52
Locomotion		1,150		345.14
Water		9,000		1,361.90
Insurance		1,150		1,159.97
Medical Aid		300		
Granite chips, sand and broken bricks		67,500		15,683.31
Kerb and Channel		5,000		1,305.00
Chip-pavements and chip-paved margins		6,250		2,373 23
Street pavements		10,000		1,050.29
Wood paving		3,194		428.65
Tools, renewals and repairs		8,500		1,634.70
Boundary stones		350		*Cr.* 56.90
Street name-plates		1,100		122.30
Working expenses of 6 steam-rollers		4,760		667.92
Chinese Government Land Tax		300		233.48
Maintenance of carts and harness		7,750		1,294.11
Danger Lamps—oil, repairs, etc.		700		147.85
Stud.				
Metalling	9,240		1,522.60	
Cleansing	27,600		6,377.00	
		36,840		7,899.60
Barging away road detritus		3,150		688 68
Raking and repairing mud roads		2,600		413.44
Repairs to Foochow pole railings		1,600		229.36
Miscellaneous expenses		1,000		197.83
		274.862		59,326 56
Less.				
Refund by Tramway Co. for maintenance of track surface	7,150		1,717.63	
Profit on Pingchiao Quarry	5,000	12,150		1,717.63
Totals carried to Summary		262,712		57,608.93

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ORDINARY PAYMENTS—*continued*	Estimated.		For quarter ended March 31.	
	Tls.	Tls.	Tls.	Tls.
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT—*continued*				
LIGHTING.				
Electricity.				
Arc Lamps	40,000			
Incandescent Lamps	3,700			
		43,700		11,509.10
Gas		26,000		6.014.13
Extensions.				
Electricity and Gas		20,000		116.99
Oil.				
For outlying districts		1,000		295.40
Totals carried to Summary		90,700		17,935.62
PARKS AND OPEN SPACES.				
Pay.				
Foreigners	6,895		1,609.10	
Chinese	13,983		2,661.33	
		20,878		4,270.43
Superannuation		663		154.24
Passages		650		
Locomotion		500		150.05
Stud		650		174.58
Fuel		500		108,00
Water		1,200		52.00
Lighting Gardens		1,400		211.44
Insurance		200		180.00
Tools, renewals and repairs		400		24.23
Motor lawn mower, gasoline, repairs, etc.		300		
Chinese Government Land Tax...		400		361.52
Repainting hot-houses, seats, etc.		2,000		85.03
Trees, shrubs, seeds and turf		2,000		425.55
Mud, sand and gravel		550		23.90
Poles and tree fastenings		1,800		360.00
Matsheds for Recreation Grounds and Repairs to Fences ...		500		83.94
Miscellaneous Expenses		1,800		532.30
		36,391		7,197.21
Less—Receipts for hire of plants		600		91.76
Totals carried to Summary		35,791		7,105.45
STOCK AND STORES.				
Shafts and wheels for carts		1,' 50		
Surveying instruments		500		225.37
Chairs and seats for Hongkew Recreation Ground		500		
Chairs for Town Hall		1,000		
1 Motor Lawn Mower		1,800		
Miscellaneous				547.18
Totals carried to Summary		5,550		772.55

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ORDINARY PAYMENTS—*continued*	Estimated.		For quarter ended March 31.	
	Tls.	Tls.	Tls.	Tls.
SECRETARIAT.				
Pay and Allowances.				
Foreigners.				
Pay	92,980		23,030.00	
Rent Allowances	1,800		424.50	
Fuel and Light Allowances	1,080		270.00	
Language Allowances	1,250		185.60	
		97,110		23,910.10
Chinese.				
Pay		25,696		6,567.44
		122,806		30,477.54
Superannuation		9,147		2,309.94
Passages		1,610		632.16
Uniform		1,200		*Cr.* 227.20
Locomotion		4,500		1,060.47
Fuel		250		227.05
Light		1,150		256.52
Printing, Stationery, Advertising, etc.	10,000		3,100.56	
Printing Annual Report and Budget, etc.	3,700		4,653 61	
Printing Municipal Gazette	3,000		259.64	
		16,700		8,013.81
Insurance		115		119.25
Telephone Service		400		114.84
Medical Aid		450		24.00
House and Vehicle Number Plates		500		*Cr.* 53.51
Reporter's Retainer		600		150.00
Miscellaneous Expenses		1,000		425.10
		160,428		43,529.97
Less—Charged to Industrial Undertakings		3,600		450.00
Totals carried to Summary		156,828		43,079.97
STOCK AND STORES.				
Miscellaneous		1,000		116.19
Totals carried to Summary		1,000		116.19

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ORDINARY PAYMENTS.	Estimated.		For quarter ended March 31.	
	Tls.	Tls.	Tls.	Tls.
VOLUNTEERS.				
Pay and Allowances.				
Foreigners.				
Pay	11,010		2,747.42	
Fuel and Light Allowances	360		90.00	
Allowance to officers attending Schools of Instruction	540			
		11,910		2,837.42
Chinese.				
Pay		3,792		717.51
		15,702		3,554.93
Passages		600		
Locomotion		1,040		170.43
Fuel		300		191.03
Light		1,000		427.59
Printing, Stationery, Advertising, etc.		1,500		241.54
Insurance		606		575.13
Telephone Service		350		171.39
Postage		300		73.35
Uniform		5,000		2,267.70
Accoutrements		1,000		*Cr.* 25.15
Band...		150		31.25
Artillery Ponies		1,500		532.00
Repairs to Arms and Equipment		1,500		73.34
Ammunition		5,000		473.80
Camp of Exercise		2,000		13.36
Subscription to N.R.A.		87		94.97
Maintenance of Range	2,500		342.30	
Less—Proceeds from sale of Cartridge cases, etc. ...	1,250		181.30	
		1,250		161.00
Miscellaneous expenses		2,000		78.75
Totals carried to Summary		40,885		9,106.41
Stock and Stores				
150 Short Rifles and Bayonets		8,500		
2 Office Desks		80		77.69
2 Ponies		260		
1 Typewriter		150		185.00
Miscellaneous				107 63
Totals carried to Summary		8,990		370.32

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ORDINARY PAYMENTS.	Estimated.		For quarter ended March 31.	
	Tls	Tls.	Tls.	Tls.
PUBLIC BAND.				
Pay and Allowances.				
Europeans.				
Pay		16,755		4,005.00
Manilamen.				
Pay...	18,690		4,768.31	
Rent Allowances	2,200		518.84	
Fuel do.	500	21,390	221.32	5,508.47
		38,145		9,513.47
Superannuation		3,730		861.30
Passages...		2,300		44.55
Locomotion		1,000		286.62
Medical Aid		200		
Printing, Stationery, Advertising, etc.		700		115.79
Insurance		15		11.25
Uniform		800		47.15
New Music		250		76.88
Repairs to Instruments, etc, ...		200		51.59
Miscellaneous Expenses		300		119.04
		47,640		11,127.64
Less—Contribution from French Municipal Council ...	1,500			
Council's share of receipts for private services ...	4,500	6,000	1,863.40	1,863.40
Totals carried to Summary		41,640		9,264.24

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ORDINARY PAYMENTS —*continued.*	Estimated.		For quarter ended March 31.	
	Tls.	Tls.	Tls.	Tls.
FIRE BRIGADE.				
Pay.				
Foreigners	4,480		911.29	
Chinese	11,250		2,929.08	
		15,730		3,840.37
Stud		6,400		1,347.08
Superannuation		350		87.00
Passages		620		
Locomotion		600		103.83
Printing and Stationery		150		20.60
Insurance		200		192.71
Medical Aid		200		84.96
Uniform		2,630		439.75
Fuel		2,360		835.62
Light		2,400		475.01
Water		1,200		282.39
Materials and Coal for Workshop		3,000		1,035.68
Plant, Maintenance and Repairs		1,600		993.87
Hose renewals		5,700		9.46
Telephones and Fire Alarms		1,700		896.49
Refreshments for Firemen at Fires		500		127.40
Company Cups		180		247.83
Miscellaneous Expenses		250		70.28
		45 770		11,090.33
Less.—Receipts from Blacksmiths' labour	6,000			1,244.94
Receipts from services of Fire Float	1,000	7,000		
Totals carried to Summary ...		38,770		9,845.39
STOCK AND STORES.				
Horses and Ponies		2,500		*Cr.* 38.20
Hook and Ladder Truck		1,750		
Miscellaneous				18.00
Totals carried to Summary... ...		4,250		*Cr.* 20.20

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ORDINARY PAYMENTS.	Estimated.		For quarter ended March 31.	
EDUCATIONAL GRANTS.	Tls.	Tls.	Tls.	Tls.
PUBLIC SCHOOL.				
Pay and Allowances.				
Foreigners.				
Pay	30,627		7,167,27	
Rent Allowances	540		135.00	
Fuel and Light Allowances	360		90.00	
		31,527		7.392.27
Chinese.				
Pay		870		188.62
		32,397		7,580.89
Superannuation		3,110		716.34
Passages		1,200		462.27
Fuel		300		81.06
Light		150		79.92
Printing, Stationery and Advertising		1,200		66.37
Insurance		153		153.00
Telephone Service		40		10.89
Laboratory		100		12 74
Text Books		100		*Cr.* 439.03
Kindergarten Materials, etc.		100		1.80
Expenses of Evening Classes		50		*Cr.* 113.54
Maintenance and Repairs		200		76 35
Miscellaneous				222.03
		39,650		8,911.09
Less—School fees		24,000		7,358.81
Totals carried to Summary		15,650		1,552 28
STOCK AND STORES.				
Furniture ...Carried to Summary		750		
PUBLIC SCHOOL FOR CHINESE.				
Pay and Allowances.				
Foreigners.				
Pay	8,770		2,025,00	
Rent Allowances	450		90.00	
Fuel and Light Allowances	360		90.00	
		9,580		2,205.00
Chinese.				
Pay		7.210		1,519.17
		16,790		3,724.17
Superannuation		1,070		249.00
Passages		470		
Fuel		120		16.75
Light		80		11.82
Printing, Stationery and Advertising		600		74.82
Insurance		120		121.50
Text Books		250		*Cr.* 356.62
Maintenance and Repairs		200		18.42
Miscellaneous		300		126.76
		20,000		3,986.62
Less—School fees		9,000		4,770.25
Totals carried to Summary		11,000		*Cr.* 783.63
GENERAL				
THOMAS HANBURY SCHOOL		1,500		375.00
FRENCH ORPHANAGE		1,000		250.00
ST. XAVIER'S SCHOOL		1,500		450.00
SHANGHAI JEWISH SCHOOL		500		125.00
DOOR OF HOPE		2,000		500.00
REFUGE FOR CHINESE SLAVE CHILDREN		1,000		250.00
SHANGHAI LIBRARY		1,000		250.00
SHANGHAI MUSEUM		1,000		250.00
do. SPECIAL		2,000		
Totals carried to Summary		11,500		2,450.00

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ORDINARY PAYMENTS—*continued.*	Estimated.		For quarter ended March 31.	
	Tls.	Tls.	Tls.	Tls.
GENERAL CHARGES.				
Legal Expenses		3,500		3,814.28
Audit fee		1,700		435.37
Semaphore Service		2,000		
Pew-rents and relief of poor		500		214.00
Rent of Municipal Properties.				
Public Recreation Ground	600		150.00	
Police Stations	1,760		280.00	
Police Quarters...	7,644		1,936.81	
Fire Brigade	2,100		600.00	
Depôts	705	12,809	328.70	3,295.51
Totals carried to Summary		20,509		7,759.16
INTEREST.				
On General Loans and Special Loan	111,400			
On Savings Bank, Security Deposits, etc.	33,500		2,180.21	
		144,900		2,180 21
Less—Trust Funds, Investment Account, etc... ...		39,800		3,026.11
Totals carried to Summary		105,100		*Cr.* 845.90
REDEMPTION OF DEBENTURES.				
Repayment of proportionate amount of Debentures outstanding		143,700		20,000.00
Totals carried to Summary		143,700		20,000.00

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SUMMARY.

ORDINARY PAYMENTS. Totals from preceding pages.	Estimated Tls.	Estimated Tls.	For quarter ended March 31. Tls.	For quarter ended March 31. Tls.
Police	**785,010.00**		**186,298.54**	
Stock and Stores	25,670.00		678.43	
		810,680.00		186,976.97
Health Department :—				
Office	108,990.00		26,036.51	
Extra-Departmental	26,500.00		6,335.00	
Hospitals	44,880.00		12,956.71	
Cemeteries	3,018.00		579.62	
Swimming Bath	1,080.00		124.73	
	184,468.00		**46,032.57**	
Stock and Stores	10,350.00		3,626.57	
		194,818.00		49,659.14
Public Works Department :—				
General	117,062.00		29,664.42	
Buildings	32,300.00		6,131.59	
Creeks and Rivers	43,800.00		5,511.45	
Drainage	51,349.00		9,926.68	
Roads	262,712.00		57,608.93	
Lighting	90,700.00		17,935.62	
Parks and Open Spaces	35,791.00		7,105.45	
	633,714.00		**133,884.14**	
Stock and Stores	5,550.00		772.55	
		639,264.00		134,656.69
Secretariat	**156,828.00**		**43,079.97**	
Stock and Stores	1,000.00		116 19	
		157,828.00		43,196.16
Volunteers	**40,885 00**		**9,106.41**	
Stock and Stores	8,990.00		370.32	
		49,875.00		9,476.73
Public Band		**41,640.00**		**9,264,24**
Fire Brigade	**38,770.00**		**9,845.39**	
Stock and Stores	4,250.00		*Cr.* 20.20	
		43,020.00		9,825.19
Educational Grants :—				
Public School	**15,650.00**		**1,552 28**	
Stock and Stores	750.00		.....	
		16,400.00		**1,552.28**
Public School for Chinese		**11,000.00**		*Cr.* **783.63**
General		**11,500.00**		**2,450.00**
General Charges		**20,509.00**		**7,759 16**
Interest		**105,100.00**		*Cr.* **845.90**
Redemption of Debentures		**143,700.00**		**20,000.00**
		2,245,334.00		473,187.03

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

SHOWING EXPENDITURE OVER THE PAST FIVE YEARS.

ORDINARY PAYMENTS.	1904	1905	1906	1907	1908	Budget 1909
Police Department	**308,412.94**	**341,953.15**	**399,950.35**	**485,693.32**	**654,806.62**	**785,010.00**
Stock and Stores	4,419.78	9,879.36	11,888.51	33,732.15	29,835.43	25,67 .00
	312,832.72	351,832.51	411,838.86	519,425.47	684,642.05	810,680.00
Health Department	**45,150.32**	**64,141.68**	**86,846.29**	**108,658.93**	**123,022.23**	**184,468.00**
Stock and Stores	3,755.73	6,808.24	3,911.19	11,655.25	11,363.09	10,350 00
	48,906.05	70,949.92	90,757.48	120,314.18	134,385.32	194,818.00
Public Works Dept.	**485,742.79**	**451,123.96**	**492,982.49**	**528,496.03**	**541,508.97**	**633,714.00**
Stock and Stores	20,697.34	3,411.95	11,415.74	27,094.77	28,325.33	5,550.00
	506,440.13	454,535.91	504,398.23	555,590 80	569,834,30	639,264.00
Secretariat	**110,104.25**	**112,023.29**	**123,124.88**	**135,233.81**	**144,396.33**	**156,828.00**
Stock and Stores	1,613.25	216.43	33.26	1,445.66	3,034.12	1,000.00
	111,717.50	112,239.72	123,158.14	136,679.47	147,430.45	157,828.00

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EXTRAORDINARY RECEIPTS.	Estimated.		For quarter ended March 31.	
	Tls.	Tls.	Tls.	Tls.
Surplus from 1908		10,062.46		10,062.46
Surplus on Ordinary Budget		224,366.00		
Debentures		400,000.00		19,300.00
Totals of Extraordinary Receipts		634,428.46		29,362.46

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EXTRAORDINARY PAYMENTS—*continued*	Estimated		For quarter ended March 31.	
	Tls.	Tls.	Tls.	Tls.
Bridges.				
Yangkingpang, widening of the Bund Bridge, one-fourth of cost	10,000			
Singkeipang, reinforced concrete bridge at Chaoufoong Road	4,000			
		14,000		
Bundings.				
Soochow Creek, in concrete :—				
From Fokien Road to Cadastral Lot 298	5,000			
Soochow Road east of Chekiang Road Bridge	4,150		597.05	
		9,150		597.05
Drainage.				
Great Western Road, culvert from Defence Creek to Mohawk Road, half cost	16,750		2,858.73	
Defence Creek, brick culvert between Great Western Road and Yangkingpang, half cost	2,200			
Jehol and Kaifeng Roads, reinforced concrete sewer	10,000			
		28,950		2,858.73
Landing Stages.				
Soochow Creek in reinforced concrete :—				
At Astor Road to replace existing wooden jetty	900			
East and west of North Chekiang Road	1,000			
East of Fokien Road	500			
Hongkew Creek in wood :—				
Two jetties between East Yalu and East Yuhang Road	900			
Yangtszepoo Creek in wood :—				
South of Yangtszepoo Road	900			
		4,200		
Land.				
Central Offices, extension	90,000			
Eastern Police Depôt, extension and raising	8,500			
Market for Yangtszepoo	5,000			
Bubbling Well Cemetery, raising and turfing south-west corner	2,450		1,327.16	
Bubbling Well Cemetery extension Victoria Nursing Home extension Isolation Hospital extension	15,000			
Latrine sites	2,000		3.20	
3 Public Works Depôts in Eastern District, Tls. 34,000, portion of cost	15,000			
Wayside Park, balance of cost	5,000		17.14	
Hungjao Road Nursery, balance of cost	1,000			
Mokanshan Sanatorium, extension	5,000		2,550.97	
Surplus Land			2,074 86	
		148.950		5,973.33
Buildings.				
Police.				
Hongkew Station, Additional Building, Indian Kitchen and Beggars' Cells, balance of cost	5,500		3,579.55	
Hongkew Station, extra gates, fences, etc.	675			
Wayside Station, Additional Building and Alterations, balance of cost	26,000		10,598.97	
Gaol, Quarters and Godown, balance of cost	550			
,, Raising Extension, balance of cost	1,450		886.51	
,, Work Sheds	12,000		269.44	
,, Laundry, Baths, etc., Tls. 20,500, portion of cost	10,000			
,, Guard Room			247.61	
Western Depôt, Foreign Quarters and Store, etc., balance of cost	39,000		10,975.18	
,, ,, Inspectors' Quarters, balance of cost	12,500		10,061.42	
,, ,, Dog Kennels, balance of cost	600		214.77	
Eastern Depôt, boundary wall and gates, Tls. 10,000, portion of cost	2,000			
Carried forward	110,275	205,250	36,833.45	9,429.11

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EXTRAORDINARY PAYMENTS—*continued.*	Estimated.		For quarter ended March 31.	
	Tls.	Tls.	Tls.	Tls.
Brought forward	110,275	205,250	36,833.45	9,429.11
Buildings—continued.				
Public Health.				
Bubbling Well Cemetery, buildings and wall, balance of cost	600		172.71	
Isolation Hospital, additional building	5,000			
,, ,, alteration to Quarters	6,000			
Hospital for Chinese, balance of cost	9,500		3,793.44	
Sinza Market, Transfer and Enlargement, balance of cost	4,750		3,030.95	
Market for Yangtszepoo Tls. 6,000, portion of cost ...	3,000			
New latrines...	2,000			
Fire Brigade.				
Sinza Fire Station, Tls. 43,000, portion of cost ...	23,000			
Miscellaneous.				
Carpenters' shops, Concreteware Depôt	2,500			
Overseers' Office, Hart Road Depôt	600			
Steam Roller Shed, Northern District...	400			
Pavilion for Public School at Hongkew Recreation Ground	750			
		168,375		43,830.55
Parks and Open Spaces.				
Hongkew Recreation Ground, raising Section A, balance of cost	1,300		153.76	
Hongkew Recreation Ground, turfing and laying out Sections A, D, E and F	7,600		907.70	
Hongkew Recreation Ground, trees and shrubs ...	800		313.23	
Hongkew Recreation Ground, summer-house, footpath, etc.	300	10,000	176.48	1,551.17
Roads.				
Acquiring land for new roads, and for widening and extending existing roads..	120,000		28,917.78	
Making up and metalling ditto	60,000	180,000	26,517.27	
				55,435.05
Suspense Account				2,520.00
		563,625		**112,765.88**

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MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION.

No. 1969.

SICCAWEI ROAD.

REFERRING to Notification No. 1967, notice is hereby given that the Siccawei Road is re-opened to traffic, with effect from this date.

By order,
W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

Council Room,
Shanghai, May 26, 1909.

MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION.

No. 1970

PRIVET.

WITH a view to preventing "Privet Cough," and as privet is now coming into flower, landowners and residents having the shrub on their premises are requested to remove the blossom before it opens.

By order,
W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

Council Room,
Shanghai, May 29, 1909.

MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION.

No. 1971.

DURING the absence of Mr. C. MAYNE on leave Mr. C. H. GODFREY will act as Municipal Engineer and Surveyor.

By order,
W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

Council Room,
Shanghai, May 31, 1909.

AT the meeting of the Council held on Tuesday, May 25, 1909, at 4.30 p.m., there are present:

MESSRS. D. Landale (*Chairman*)
H. De Gray
F. C. Heffer
O. Meuser
W. A. C. Platt
J. Prentice
T. E. Trueman
The Secretary and
Assistant Secretary.

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

The minutes of the last meeting are read, confirmed, signed by the Chairman and passed for publication.

Volunteers.

German Company.—Upon the recommendation of the Commandant, nine months' leave is granted to Captain H. Schellhoss with effect from May 29.

Police.

Of six tenders received in response to Notification No. 1961, for the supply of convicts' food, and three for the supply of firewood at the Police Stations and Gaol during the three months ending July 31, the following have been accepted:—

Yung Dah.	Vegetables	$0.01½	per lb.
	Onions	0.04	,,
	Salt Fish	0.07½	,,
	Beef	0.13	,,
	Pork	0.13	,,
	Salt	0.02½	,,
	Bean Oil	0.13½	,,
	Tea	0.15	,,
Woo Shing.	Rice	5.50	per pcl.
	Wheat	3.90	,,
	Flat Beans	3.70	,,
	Red Beans	3.80	,,
Yu-foong.	Firewood	$0.53 per 100-lb.	

The monthly cost of convicts' food and firewood at the prices quoted above will be $1,868 and $636 respectively.

"Alcazar."

A letter from the French Consul-General is read, stating the conditions upon which he is permitting a French citizen to open the premises known as the 'Alcazar' for purposes of a cinematograph show. These include prohibition of gambling and free access to the Police at any time:—

Translation of letter from the French Consul-General to the Council, dated May 22, 1909.

SIR,—Mr. Lucien Dreyfus, French Citizen, Chief Agent for China of the Pathé Cinematograph, living at 99 Szechuen Road, has just addressed to me a request for authorization to install cinematograph shows at Nos. 5 and 6 Siccawei Road for three months from June 1, 1909, with the option of a further three months.

From my point of view there can be no legal obstacle in my conceding the authorization requested, but I shall fix the following principal conditions thereto:—

(1) That this establishment shall not conduct any game for money, or any game of chance or hazard.

(2) That no piece or song, nor any scene on the cinematograph of an obscene character shall be permitted.

(3) That the Police of the Foreign Settlement, to whom I shall delegate my powers, shall have free access at any hour to the establishment in question.

Under these conditions I beg the Chairman to be good enough to give orders to the Police that the public may have free access to Nos. 5 and 6 Siccawei Road.

Mr. Dreyfus has placed in my hands a contract of lease which constitutes sufficient proof to me of his bonâ fides.

I have the honour to be, etc.,

L. RATARD,
Consul-General for France.

D. LANDALE, Esq.,
Chairman, Municipal Council.

P.S.—It should be clearly understood that in case of grave default on the part of the concessionaire in respect to the conditions above-mentioned, the French Consular Summary Police Court can always revoke the authorization in question, and have the closure of this establishment carried out.

Council Room,
Shanghai, May 26, 1909.

SIR,—I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of May 22, upon the subject of the re-opening of the premises known as the "Alcazar," for purposes of a cinematograph show.

It was the Council's intention to have acceded to your request as to access by the public to these premises, but, as you may have observed from a Notification in this morning's issue of the Municipal Gazette, the barriers in the Siccawei Road have now been removed. I have the honour to add that the conditions which you are fixing for the opening of the establishment in question are considered by the Council to constitute a satisfactory precedent for the control of foreign houses of public entertainment beyond Settlement limits, and that the Council appreciates in the highest degree your courteous treatment of the matter.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

DAVID LANDALE,
Chairman.

L. RATARD, Esq.,
Consul-General for France.

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Translation of letter from the French Consul-General to the Council, dated May 27, 1909.

SIR,—In reply to your letter of yesterday concerning the request of Mr. Dreyfus to open at Nos. 5 and 6 Siccawei Road an establishment for a cinematograph exhibition, I have the honour to forward to you herewith an official copy of the Order which I have given to fix the conditions under which I place the opening of this resort of recreation.

I shall be much obliged to you if you will be good enough to give the necessary instructions to the Municipal Police, who should make a special report to me upon every breach which comes to its notice, in order that the due consequences at law may be given thereto by the French Consular Court.

I can, moreover, assure you that I shall never hesitate to support the Council's action in measures which it shall think fit to take in the general interest, and at all times when these measures shall appear to me to be just and respecting of the rights guaranteed to foreigners by the Treaties.

I am, etc.,

L. RATARD,
Consul-General for France.

D. LANDALE, Esq.,
Chairman, Municipal Council.

(ENCLOSURE).

ORDER.

We, Louis Ratard, Consul-General for France at Shanghai, Officer of the Legion of Honour,

In view of the application dated May 19 of this year by Mr. Lucien Dreyfus, French Citizen, Chief Agent for China of the Cinematograph Pathé, domiciled at Shanghai, with a view to obtaining the authorization necessary for the opening and development of cinematograph exhibitions with performers in the tenements bearing the Nos. 5 and 6 Siccawei Road:

And in view of paragraph 4 of Article 75 of the Law of May 28, 1836 concerning breach of rules made by the Consuls for France for the policing of their nationals in their Consular District,

Have ordered and do order as follows:

Article 1.—Lucien Dreyfus aforesaid is authorized from the date of signature of these presents to open and hold at Nos. 5 and 6 Siccawei Road establishments for recreation and cinematograph exhibitions with performers under the conditions laid down in the following articles:—

Article 2.—No smoking of opium nor any game of hazard, chance, or money shall be permitted in the interior of the said establishments.

Article 3.—Cinematograph views or any others, and likewise songs and theatrical scenes of an obscene and indecent character, and in general whatsoever may be contrary to public order and morality, or good morals, shall be prohibited in the most absolute manner.

Article 4.—Order shall be maintained in the interior of the said establishments under the responsibility and at the care of the applicant, who in case of need may require action by force on the part of the Police of the Foreign Settlement in order to bring to reason or to eject persons who wish to create disorder under any pretext whatsoever:

Article 5.—The Police of the Foreign Settlement is delegated by Us to supervise the said establishment. It shall have the right to enter it any hour of the day or night which it shall judge suitable, in order to ascertain that the conditions of the present authorization are not violated and shall address to Us a report on any breaches which it shall observe, in order that the due consequences at law may be given thereto by the French Consular Court.

Article 6.—Any violation of the present conditions shall constitute a breach of a Consular Police Rule in the terms of paragraph 4 of article 75 of the Law of May 28,1836, and shall be punished by the penalties pronounced by the said Law.

Article 7.—The withdrawal of the present authorization and the closure of the establishments in question cannot be pronounced except by judgment of the Consular Summary Police Court.

Made at Shanghai on the Twenty-sixth day of May nineteen hundred and nine.

L. RATARD,
Consul-General for France.

Recreation Ground for Chinese.

Certain proposals of the Young Men's Christian Association for the establishment of a Recreation Ground somewhat to the south-east of the Rifle Range have been made public in the Press during the past weeks in connexion with a Chinese subscription list which has already met with some success. The question of assistance from the Council is considered, and stress is laid upon the fact that membership of the Association is open to all Chinese of good moral character, and that the Ground will be available so far as is possible for all native educational or athletic bodies. The members are unanimously of opinion that under these conditions a grant from the public funds would be justified, and will tend in the direction of maintaining good relations with the native section of the community. It is therefore decided in reply to state that a grant of Tls. 5,000 will be inserted in the Budget for 1910, and to recommend the same for adoption by the Ratepayers.

Public Lighting.

The following correspondence is ordered for publication :—

Shanghai, April 17, 1909.

DEAR SIR,—In the Municipal Gazette of Thursday last we note with regret, that it is the intention of the Council to displace fifty-five incandescent gas lamps in East Yuhang, Yangtszepoo and Bubbling Well Roads and instal in their stead metallic filament electric lamps.

We shall therfore be obliged if you will bring to the notice of the Works Committee the following facts with regard to these lamps, viz., that these lamps have only been in use a comparatively short time and that their original cost having been Tls. 30.00 each, property to the value of Tls. 1,550.00 will be scrapped if the above intention is carried out. The capital cost of installing the electric lamps will also be considerable. The annual maintenance charge for the gas lamps is Tls. 1,686.00 of which 25 per cent or Tls. 421.00 is returned to the Council under the existing agreement, so that the net cost of this lighting is Tls. 1,265.00 per annum. The cost per annum of the equal number of filament lamps at Tls. 21.00 each will be Tls. 1,485.00 or Tls. 220.00 per annum more than the cost of the existing lighting.

Within the last few days the Gas Company have fixed on the lamp column opposite the Municipal Surveyor's Office one of the most modern inverted burners in a suitable lantern for the approval of your Engineer. This burner gives a light of at least 80 candles and we are prepared to maintain these at the rate of $36.00 per year or less the usual 25 per cent., $27.00 per year for an 80 candle-power burner as against the Council's proposal to use 60 candle-power metallic filament lamps at Tls. 27.00 per year. The cost of converting the present lamps to the inverted system will be much less than the installation of a completely new system and we therefore propose that an extended test of this form of lighting should be made before the Council's present intention is carried out.

Trusting that you will bring this matter before the Works Committee as soon as possible.

I am, dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

GEO. R. WINGROVE,
Secretary.

W. E. LEVESON, Esq.,
Secretary, Municipal Council.

Council Room,
Shanghai, May 31, 1909.

SIR,—Your letter of April 17, on the subject of the substitution of electric metallic filament lamps for gas in certain streets, has had close attention at the hands of the Council, and I am now directed to state that the Council has found no adequate reason for amending or modifying its various recorded decisions on this subject.

The delay which has taken place in answering your letter has been due to the case of the Bubbling Well Road west of Carter Road, the lighting of which has been a source of criticism

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for some time past. The Council has now formed the opinion that the installation of metallic filament lamps suspended by cross wires in the middle of the roadway will bring about a very appreciable improvement, and has accordingly authorized the change. In a road such as that in question, a winding artery of heavy traffic and at the same time thickly shaded with foliage, lighting is a matter of some difficulty, but there is reason to believe that the new lamps when erected, in the manner proposed, will give satisfaction.

With regard to the more general question of incandescent gas versus electricity as a street illuminant, there is in the Council's opinion scope for both types in the Settlement and, as you are aware, the Council's contract with the Gas Company ensures the operation of not less than 600 gas lamps. At the same time recent developments of applied electricity have brought into the market certain types of electric street lamps which, while comparing most favourably with gas in cost and efficiency, are worked with profit to the Municipal Electricity Department. The difference in cost is still very slightly in favour of gas, this however is outweighed by other considerations. The difference in brilliance, particularly when the mantle is imperfect or in need of renewal, is in the Council's opinion, very strongly in favour of electricity. Upon this latter point a series of photometric tests is about to be inaugurated.

I am to add that your statement as to the scrapping of property is not wholly correct, since both posts and lanterns of displaced lamps are available for use elsewhere as occasion serves.

In conclusion I am to thank you for your quotation of $36 per annum less 25 per cent for the new inverted 80 candle-power burner, of which the Council will avail itself in due course.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

W. E. LEVESON,

Secretary.

G. R. WINGROVE, Esq.,
Secretary,
Shanghai Gas Co., Ld.

Road Extensions and Widenings.

Peking Road.—The Engineer reports to the effect that all the unregistered land required for the widening of this road is purchased or in a fair way towards arrangement, and the first of the claims for registered properties are submitted as follows :—

Hanson, McNeill & Jones, Lot 189.
E. D. Sassoon & Co., Lots 190, 209 and 211.
J. P. Bisset & Co., Lots 301 and 307.
J. Ambrose, Lot 311.

With regard to these and future claims, it appears to the Council necessary to arrive at some definite understanding as to the policy which shall be adopted in respect to the compensation payable. The Council's proposed treatment of the Peking Road is unusual, inasmuch as it has been decided that owners shall be required to set back to the scheduled line, without waiting for rebuilding under normal conditions or as the result of a fire. Thus the project to constitute the Peking Road a serviceable carriage traffic outlet westward will be carried to a conclusion with as little delay as possible. The road will be metalled and provided with cement paved footways.

It has, speaking generally, been the practice of the Council wherever possible to compensate owners in districts, such as the Peking Road, which are closely built over with Chinese houses, at the assessed value of the land, with 10 per cent added for compulsory surrender, and to call for a reduction of the claim by one-third where the scheduled roadway is 30 feet in width. For 40 foot roads it has been held that no additional advantage accrues to the owner from the extra 10 feet, which has therefore been paid for in full from the public funds.

The proposed treatment of the Peking Road, however, is calculated, in the Council's opinion, to ensure immediate enhancement of values, and higher rentals for the frontage shops, throughout its whole length, inasmuch as what is at present a somewhat squalid bye-street will be converted into a main thoroughfare of some importance, wherein a better class of houses may be expected to be built. For this reason the Council considers that the principle of betterment may justly be applied in each case of expropriation up to the full width of 40 feet.

Reasonable claims for the reinstatement of premises, and for loss of rental during such reinstatement, will be paid in each case.

It is apparent that a public improvement of this magnitude will involve no little inconvenience to landowners and agents, and the Council relies upon the co-operation of those concerned in bringing the work to a satisfactory conclusion.

Peking and Honan Roads.—With regard to the claim of Messrs. Hanson, McNeill & Jones for compensation for a small strip of Cadastral lot 147 at the corner of these roads, it is noted that the firm is prepared to accept a new line to a 60 foot radius, whereby the break in the Peking Road at this point will be materially improved. It is decided to pay the claim at the assessed value plus ten per cent and without reduction for betterment, Mow 0.28, Tls. 9,240.

Dixwell Road.—The following correspondence contains the terms of an agreement entered into with the Shanghai Land Investment Co., Ld. in respect to the extension of this road from its existing termination in a north-westerly direction to meet the North Szechuen Road in the neighbourhood of the Rifle Range :—

Shanghai, July 9, 1908.

DEAR SIR,—We enclose herewith a copy of the survey of the Paoshan District with a proposed road marked thereon commencing, at the East Kashing Road Bridge and terminating in North Szechuen Road at a point in old B. C. Paoshan Lot 101. (Now B.C. Paoshan Lot 621). This road is about 4,500 feet long and to make a 40 foot road throughout will occupy about 24 mow of land valued at Tls. 72,000. We are in a position to surrender the whole of the land required for the road and we shall feel obliged if you will approach the Council with a view to finding out upon what terms the Council are prepared to acquire the land and make up the road.

We would point out that a Municipal Road in such a position will be a considerable public benefit in as much as it will relieve to a very considerable extent the traffic on the North Szechuen Road and would form an alternate line for the tramway from the Public Park to Range Road.

The policing of such a large area as will be occupied by this road with Municipal Police would also give the Council a stronger hold on this district which is notorious for the large number of bad characters who congregate here.

It is our intention to continue development with Chinese houses along the line of this road, which will of course ensure an early return to the Council on the capital outlay.

We are aware that negotiations have been in hand for some time for the extension of the Dixwell Road to the North Szechuen Road and we submit that this road will prove more convenient and open up a larger area of country than the Dixwell Road.

We are, dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,

Agents,

SHANGHAI LAND INVESTMENT CO., LD.

C. MAYNE, Esq.,
Municipal Engineer.

Council Room,

Shanghai, March 25, 1909.

GENTLEMEN,—Your letter of July 9 last, on the subject of a proposed new road in continuation of the Dixwell Road to meet the North Szechuen Road near the foot of the Rifle Range, has had close attention at the hands of the Council.

In the first place I am to record the fact that Mr. Peebles and the Municipal Engineer have agreed upon a slight deviation of the line suggested, towards the northern end, which is calculated to make a more convenient junction with other roads if and when constructed.

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Secondly, the Council is of opinion that for what is destined to be an important trunk thoroughfare a width of 40 feet appears insufficient, and it is therefore suggested that this width be enlarged to 50 feet.

Finally, in regard to the terms upon which the road is to become public I am directed to state that the Council would be prepared to accept the original forty foot road without payment, to refund to your Company the sum of Tls. 11,800 representing the cost of the additional 10 feet, and to share equally with the Company the cost of construction (filling, sewering, bricking, metalling and foot paths) which is estimated to involve a total sum of Tls. 62.000.

It would be understood that the work would be spread over two or three years.

I venture to express the Council's hope that these proposed terms will prove acceptable, for they are the utmost limit to which, under present conditions, the members are prepared to go. All that you say on the subject of the advantage to the public which this road will bring is recognized, at the same time the funds available for such purposes are limited. It is also clear that such a road is necessary for the development of your estates, and the contribution which the Council suggests that you should make to the whole scheme will find ample recompense in freedom from the care of maintenance, policing, lighting and other municipal services.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

W. E. LEVESON,

Secretary.

MESSRS. GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,

Agents,

Shanghai Land Investment Co., Ld.

Shanghai, April, 1, 1909.

DEAR SIR,—Your letter of March 26 last in which you state the terms upon which the Council is willing to acquire and make up a road from the East Kashing Road to the North Szechuen Road near the foot of the Rifle Range has been fully considered by our Board of Directors and we are instructed to inform you that the terms you offer are not considered equitable.

Our own needs for this district can be fully met by a 30 foot road and we only considered making a 40 foot road in deference to the opinion of the Council that a 30 foot road would not meet the requirements of the public.

It is now suggested to make a 50 foot road and it will be apparent to the Council that the class of property we propose to build will derive no benefit whatever from the additional 20 feet. We are, however, prepared to surrender the whole of the required land free for a 50 foot road upon the Council undertaking to pay the entire cost of making, sewering, and metalling the road. We should require the road to be made up as a mud road at once, but the remainder of the work could be carried out at the Council's convenience or as our buildings are erected.

A 50 foot road will necessitate the surrender of 26 mow of land which we value at Tls. 78,000 and our Directors are of the opinion that in offering free surrender of such a large area we are contributing more than our just contribution towards the new road.

We shall be obliged if you will inform us as early as possible of the Council's decision in the matter as in the event of their refusal of our offer we shall proceed to make up the road ourselves.

We are, dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.

Agents,

SHANGHAI LAND INVESTMENT Co., LD.

W. E. LEVESON, Esq.,

Secretary, Municipal Council.

Council Room,

Shanghai, May 14, 1909.

GENTLEMEN, — With reference to your letter of April 1, on the subject of the extension of the Dixwell Road beyond limits, and to the Chairman's recent call upon yourselves, I am directed to inform you that the Council assents to the defrayal of the cost of this public work in equal parts by your Company and the Council.

It is understood that the cost of the land, for the width of a 50 feet road, including interest to date, is Tls. 45,500, while the estimated cost of construction is Tls. 62,000. The upshot of the arrangement will therefore be the surrender by the Company of the land without compensation and payment of a contribution of about Tls. 8,000. This figure may, however, be liable to reduction when the actual cost has been carefully computed.

I am directed to request that you may be good enough to confirm this arrangement on behalf of the Company, and I am to state that, upon signature of the necessary surrender deeds, the Council will proceed with the raising and forming of a mud road without delay, while the whole work will be spread over a period of three years, in accordance with my letter of March 25.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

W. E. LEVESON,

Secretary.

MESSRS. GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.

Agents.

Shanghai Land Investment Co. Ld.

Shanghai, May 27, 1909.

DEAR SIR,—Your letter of May 14 last re the extension of Dixwell Road beyond limits in which the Council undertake to make up sewer and metal a 50 foot road, this Company surrendering the land free of cost and paying a contribution which shall not exceed Tls. 8,000 and which will be based upon the half cost of making the road after deducting Tls. 45,500 being the cost to this Company of the land surrendered, was placed before our Directors and approved by them, at their meeting yesterday subject to the following understanding:—

(1). A mud road shall be made immediately throughout the whole length from Kashing Road to North Szechuen Road Extension.

(2). The whole of the work of completing the road is to be finished in three years.

(3). Such parts of the road as are required to serve new development shall be made up, sewered and metalled, as and when required by this Company.

(4).This Company will not require any more than one-third of the road to be made up in any one year.

We are, Dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.

Agents,

SHANGHAI LAND INVESTMENT Co., LD.

W. E. LEVESON, Esq.,

Secretary, Municipal Council.

Council Room,

Shanghai, May 28, 1909.

GENTLEMEN,—I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of May 27, in respect to the projected extension of the Dixwell Road, and, in reply thereto, to state that the four conditions with which your letter closes are accepted by the Council.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

W. E. LEVESON,

Secretary.

MESSRS. GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,

Agents,

Shanghai Land Investment Co., Ld.

Tenders.

The following annual tenders for the year ending March 31, 1910 are authorized for acceptance:—

Supply of Timber, Dong Kee at prices as follows:—

	Tls.	
Japan planks 7'6" x 1"	2 30	
Oregon Pine logs	42	per 1000 Sup. Ft.
Selangan Batu planks	80	" "
" " logs	70	" "

and other timber in accordance with schedule.

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Supply and laying of concrete drain-pipes, Van San-kee as follows:—

	On Road	Under Tram tracks	Private Property
	Tls.	Tls.	Tls.
9-in pipes	0.50	0.58	0.41
6 „ „	0.31	0.39	0.26
4 „ „	0.20	0.27	0.25
6 „ K. Bends	0.60	—	—
6 „ x 4-in. Junctions	0.85	—	—
Yard gullies 'A'	1.05	—	—

Supply of Bricks and Lime, Hung Tai Yung-kee, at prices as follows:—

Blue bricks 10" x 5" x 1½" $74 per 10,000
Red bricks 10" x 5" x 2" $84 per 10,000
and other bricks in accordance with schedule.
Lime $1.20 per picul.

Transport of Materials from Pingchiao Quarry, Ah Sung, Z. D. Liu and the Tung Chi Kung Sze, at $1 per ton.

Supply and erection of sundry pipework required in connexion with the Paterson Grease Extracting Plant at the Electricity Works; The Vulcan Ironworks, Ld. Tls. 445.

Other tenders received are:—

New Engineering Works	Tls. 595
Kien Chong	530
Shanghai Dock & Engineering Co., Ld.	526

The meeting adjourns at 6.10 p.m.

Notification of Infectious Disease.

The following have been reported during the week ending Sunday, May 30, 1909.	Death among Chinese population of 550,000	Cases notified among Non-Chinese population of 15,000.
Small-pox.	0	0
Cholera.	0	0
Typhoid Fever	—	2
Diphtheria.	0	1
Scarlet Fever.	0	1
Tuberculosis	14	1
Plague	0	0
Total Deaths from all Causes	107	2

ARTHUR STANLEY,
Health Officer

Summary of Plague Prevention Work

during the week ending May 30, 1909.

	District			
	Eastern	Northern	Central	Western.
Rats found dead and brought to the Laboratory for examination	72	156	104	36
Rats plague infected	0	1	0	0
Traps in operation	1707	1250	473	340
Rats trapped and burnt	452	264	86	78
Poisoned baits laid	30699	88080	0	4414
Houses temporarily rat-proofed and disinfected under notice to occupier	198	231	0	0
Houses rat-proofed under notice to owners	0	0	0	0
Person vaccinated against plague	0	0	0	0

ARTHUR STANLEY,
Health Officer.

Public Band.

Public Performances.—The attendance on Sunday, May 30, numbered 471 and the Hall was emptied in 6 minutes.

The performances during next week will (weather permitting) be as follows:

Mon. June 7, 5 p.m. Public Garden
Tues. „ 8, 5 „ Hongkew Recreation Ground
Wed. „ 9, 5 „ Public Garden
Thurs. „ 10, 5 „ Public Garden
Fri. „ 11, 5 „ Hongkew Recreation Ground
Sat. „ 12, 4 „ Public Recreation Ground

Departmental Report of the Superintendent of Parks and Open Spaces to the Municipal Engineer for April.

The most prominent feature of the month's work is the completion of the laying out of Hongkew Recreation Ground. The dry weather which prevailed throughout the month has allowed of the completion of all new work, repairs to turf and planting.

Public Garden.—The seats and chairs were painted and placed in position. The bandstand was repainted and the arbours thatched and repaired. Repairs to the turf are completed and the plants for summer bedding have been prepared. A commencement has been made to the tarring of the paths.

Reserve Garden.—A shade-house was erected and the palms and sundry other plants have been placed in it.

Quinsan Square.—Seats have been painted, arbours thatched and repairs to the turf executed.

Foreshores.—The relaying of turf on the Bund foreshore is completed, and the lawns have been mown, rolled and top-dressed, and the newly-painted seats placed in position. A section of the Soochow Road foreshore between the Rowing Club and Chapoo Road Bridge has been planted out with shrubs. The relaying of the turf on these areas is nearly completed.

Cathedral Compound.—The lawn was re-turfed and a number of new shrubs planted, especially under the trees where grass does not thrive.

Bubbling Well Cemetery.—A circular portion of the recently raised extension has been planted with dark green foliage shrubs and white flowering ones, and turfed.

Hongkew Recreation Ground.—The laying out of this Ground is completed. Such other work as now remains to be done such as draining, lighting and the erection of buildings can proceed as circumstances allow.

A small piece of land near the Swimming Bath has been laid out as an enclosure for children in which swings, sand pits and temporary shade-houses have been placed and shade trees planted. The chief reason for the formation of this enclosure is the provision of a place devoted entirely to children, where they will be safe from the dangers (such as golf and cricket balls) necessarily appertaining to a Recreation Ground. This enclosure and the amusements provided therein are, to a certain extent, experimental, and the extent to which it is made use of will indicate the desirability or otherwise of laying out similar spaces in other parts of the Settlment.

The position of the permanent Golf links has been fixed and new greens and tees are being constructed, which will be available towards the end of the year. The path along the side of the large lake on the side next the Rifle Range is now closed during rifle practice on the Range, by means of a gate placed in a hedge at one end and a pergola which forms a barrier at the other. When the Range is not in use the gates are thrown open giving access to what has proved to be a favourite walk. Two matsheds have been placed in positions where, in the future, permanent summer-houses may be erected. Visitors 6,586. Golf players 392.

Public Recreation Ground.—The lawns were regularly mown and rolled, arrangements have been made for the erecting of shade-house and bandstand. The seats were repainted and notice-boards are being attended to.

Nurseries.—All transplanting of trees and shrubs has been completed. Seeds of summer flowering plants were sown, and spring flowering plants selected and named from which seed is to be collected.

Victoria Nursing Home.—A small path was laid down and repairs to turf attended to.

Lawns.—The following lawns were weeded:—Municipal Hospital, Harbin Road and Sinza Police Stations.

A section of the lawn at Bubbling Well Police Station was lifted and relaid.

Public School for Chinese.—The turf was relaid on the playground and the other lawns weeded, rolled and mown.

Rifle Range.—Turf was laid on the mounds.

Brenan Piece.—The lawn has been weeded and a few extra shrubs planted.

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Roadside Trees.—250 trees were planted on the public roads, and 867 trees were fastened.

Tree Boring Insects.—The amount of damage and the increasing number of trees ruined annually by this pest renders any knowledge which may tend to its prevention of considerable importance. Until recently all attempts to rear the grub under artificial conditions so as to be able to identify the insect in its perfect stage have been failures. The Imago is one of the Longicorn beetles belonging to the Cerambycidae and probably is the Melanauster Chinensis. It is a shiny black beetle, marked with whitish spots on the back, the antennae, are nearly as long as the beetle.

From about November to February this grub, in a state of metamorphosis, i.e., half grub, half beetle, is to be found in the stems of the trees. About the beginning of May the perfect beetle comes out and is found on the trees. During the summer the female deposits her eggs, in crevices which she forms by biting pieces out of the bark. It is assumed that the eggs are not deposited in natural crevices of the bark, such as occur on old and middle-aged trees, as such trees are never attacked by the grub except in the branches, where the bark is soft. On hatching, the young grubs work their way into the stem of the tree. During the first year they tunnel near to or almost directly under the bark, later as they grow larger they are found throughout the wood of the stem, frequently right in the centre. They probably remain in the larval stage for two or three years. At some unknown period of their existence they descend to the roots and by the size of the tunnels it is assumed that this is during the winter of the second year.

Preventive Measures.—In view of the foregoing data the remedial methods which are being adopted this season are, spraying the stems of all young trees in the nurseries once a week during May, June and July, with "arsenate of lead" so that the Imago when biting a piece out of the bark in order to deposit its eggs will be poisoned. When spraying is not practicable, the stems are being treated with noxious material, such as kerosene, lard, etc., which may prevent the beetle laying its eggs on them. Coating the stems with limewash would probably have the same effect, but the appearance is objectionable. By employing poison it is hoped that the Imago will be killed, the other methods act only as a deterrent. When the grubs are in the tree, the methods employed are, killing them by inserting a wire in the tunnels or plugging up the mouths of the tunnels in order to suffocate them. The method of injecting bisulphide of carbon into the tunnels is also employed.

D. MacGregor,
Superintendent.

Electrical Engineer's Report for January, February and March.

Generation.—The boiler-house plant has been maintained in good condition and it has been operating efficiently.

In the engine-room the generating plant has been working satisfactorily.

The Parsons-Peebles turbo-alternator had to be put out of commission at the end of February for repairs to the slip ring connexions. Opportunity was taken to fit on the copper damping plates sent out by the makers for the purpose of limiting the temperature rise of the rotor. At the same time the turbine was opened out and examined. It was found that some of the blading had stripped in the sixth expansion both on the turbine rotor and the cylinder body. The reblading of the two sections affected has been now completed and it is not considered that the efficiency of the turbine will be impaired to any appreciable extent. The re-blading and fitting the copper damping plates has been a long job consequently the machine has been out of commission during both March and April.

Distribution.

High-tension Feeders extended :—

	yds.	miles
Jessfield Road	1,090	.060
Ichang Road	1,554	.060
	2,644	1.48 miles

High-tension Feeders enlarged :—

	yds.	miles
Bubbling Well Road	1,900	.060
" "	3,960	.094
Sinza Road	1.760	.124
	7,620	4.3 miles

Low-tension Distributors extended :—

	yds.	
Soochow & Chekiang Rds.	260	.022
Nanking Road	160	.022
Peking Road	140	.034
Ningpo Road	240	.034
Miller Road	190	.022
Fearon & Dixwell Roads	234	.060
Dent & Tongshan Roads	1,475	.060
Woosung Road	662	.060
" "	254	.034
" "	455	.022
North Szechuen Road	1,187	.060
" " "	1,123	.034
Kalgan Road	1,180	.022
Park Road	194	.022
Sinza Road	1,007	.159
" "	313	.124
" "	783	.094
Dent Road	465	.094
Nanyang & Ferry Roads	557	.058
" " "	245	.034
East Yuhang Road	580	.060
" " "	430	.034
Avenue Road	344	.060
" "	172	.034
	12,650	7.18 miles

Low-tension Distributors enlarged :—

	yds.	
Honan & Hankow Roads	318	.060
Siking & Honan Roads	328	.094
Markham Road	695	.159
" "	334	.094
Nanking Road	427	.060
Shanse & Tientsin Roads	1,025	.060
Chusan, Wayside and Ward Roads	1,468	.058
Chusan, Wayside and Ward Roads	215	.034
	4,810	2.73 miles

Public Lighting.—2 additional 60 candle-power metallic filament lamps were erected in the Great Western Road, and 34 in the North Szechuen Road.

Metallic lamps were erected in place of carbon lamps as follows:—

1 in North Szechuen Road Extension, 15 on The Bund Pontoons, 2 Harbin Road and on the Bund opposite the new landing stage three pairs of 60 c.p. lamps on iron standards.

One additional flame arc lamp was connected at the corner of Hanbury and Woosung Roads.

The carbon lamps in the Haining Road were changed to 60 c.p. metallic filament and additional 60 c.p. metallic lamps were erected in the following roads:—

Haining Road, 6; Kansuh Road, 1; Cunningham Road, 3; North Chekiang Road, 1.

Eight carbon lamps on the Garden Bridge and 7 carbon lamps in the Tongshan Road were replaced by Osram lamps. 1,863 yards .012 bare wire run for the above lamps—1.05 miles. 2,300 yards .020 bare wire run for a new arc circuit—1.3 miles.

The following wire was also run for metallic lamp circuits:—

Great Western Road .....620 yds. .012 bare wire
North Szechuen Road Extension to the Electricity Works .....8,524yds..012 bare wire

9,144 yds.–5.19 miles

The principal extensions have been to Jessfield for a supply of electricity to St. John's University; and to the Kiangsu Acid Works for a lighting and power supply.

The 60 candle-power Tungsten metallic lamp, which has been adopted as a standard for street lighting purposes, supplies a long-felt want. The intensity and quality of the light is superior to that given by the old carbon filament street lamps. Orders have been received for lighting the Yangtszepoo Road from the Yangtszepoo creek to the Point and also other roads with 60 candle-power metallic lamps.

The Municipal Engineer in his report for February writes as follows:—"It may be noted that the candle-power of the metallic filament electric lamps and the incandescent gas lamps gradually decrease....." Now whilst it is well known that the candle-power of the incandescent gas burner rapidly decreases the same is not true of the electric metallic filament lamp. Various tests conducted show that these lamps after burning over

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1000 hours do not drop their candle-power more than 5 to 10 per cent. In the case of incandescent gas mantles the candle-power drops on an average 20 per cent in the first 100 hours, and in 500 hours from 40 to 50 per cent.

Sub-Stations.—

The sub-station at the Council's Offices was changed over from 100 + 100 volts to 200 + 200 volts.

The capacity of the Lyceum Theatre sub-station was increased from 60 K.W. to 100 K.W.

The sub-station at Wayside had to be discarded on account of the erection of the new Police Station building. The new one, which is placed in a more convenient position at the corner of Muirhead and Ward Roads, has been fitted up and completed.

Thorne Road sub-station has been enlarged by the addition of one 30 K.W. transformer; capacity of sub-station is now 60 K.W.

The Palace Hotel sub-station additional 50 K.W. transformer joined up to supply the Hotel.

The new sub-station at Jessfield College has been built and fitted up.

In Ichang Road a transformer has been erected on a pole to supply the the Kiangsu Acid Works.

The Markham Road sub-station has been enlarged by the addition of 1.20 K.W. transformer. Capacity of the sub-station is 40 K.W.

The Chaoufoong Road sub-station has been enlarged by replacing a 1.30 K.W. transformer by one of 1.50 K.W.

Poles.—

New poles erected	January...	77
,, ,, ,,	February.	74
,, ,, ,,	March ...	72
Old poles renewed	January...	14
,, ,, ,,	February.	11
,, ,, ,,	March ...	34

House Services.—

52 connexions in January.
27 ,, ,, February.
38 ,, ,, March.

Lamp Additions.—Equivalent 30 watt lamps added to the mains:—

January 4,998
February 473
March 3,162

Motors.—Additional motors connected to the mains:—

January	7.	H.P.
February	4.75	,,
March	11.	,,

At the present time an installation, consisting of motors aggregating 100 horse-power, is being fitted up in a rice mill.

Oil.—The oil consumption was 137 gallons, 86 gallons and 133 gallons in the three months respectively.

Water.—The quantity of town water used was January 1,454,000 gallons: February 1,203,000: and March 2,067,000. It will be noticed that much more town water was used in March. The reason is that one turbine was out of commission and the saving usually effected by using the water condensed from that set could not be made.

Units Generated.

January	605,517	as against	308,140	last year
February	542,172	,, ,,	343,540	,, ,,
March	592,432	,, ,,	389,512	,, ,,

Units Sold and Accounted for.

January	529,464	as against	303,126	last year
February	496,324	,, ,,	270,229	,, ,,
March	539,694	,, ,,	319,571	,, ,,

Ratio.

The ratio between Units Generated and Units Sold was:

January	87.44 per cent	as against	79.74 per cent	last year
February	91.54 ,,	,,	78.66 ,,	,,
March	91.09 ,,	,,	82.04 ,,	,,

Coal.

The coal used was:—

January	1,355 tons	as against	1,370	last year
February	1,194 ,,	,,	1,391 ,,	,,
March	1,453 ,,	,,	1,205 ,,	,,

The coal per unit generated:—

January	5.01-lb.	as against	8.08 lb.	last year
February	4.93 ,,	,,	9.07 ,,	,,
March	5.50 ,,	,,	6.93 ,,	,,

The coal per unit sold and accounted for:—

January	5.73	as against	10.12	last year
February	5.39 ,,	,,	11.53 ,,	,,
March	6.03 ,,	,,	8.45 ,,	,,

The coal consumption per unit generated in February is the lowest so far recorded by this undertaking. The increased consumption in March is due to the one turbine being out of commission necessitating the running of the less economical reciprocating engines.

COMPARATIVE TABLE.

	January		February		March	
	1909	1908	1909	1908	1909	1908
Total lamps connected	176,916	146,657	177,389	147,711	180,551	148,354
Motors h.p.	537.45	355.45	542.2	390.45	552.2	396.2
Units Generated	605,517	380 140	542,172	343,540	592,432	389,512
Units Sold	529,464	303,126	496,324	270,229	539,694	319,571
Private Lighting	243,640	241,114	218,959	211,857	239,585	210,137
Public Lighting	51,699	40,093	48,248	34,385	51,154	35,432
Power	14,260	13,879	20,267	10,404	20,784	12,113
Traction	192,632	———	184,237	5,505	201.610	49,873
Units at Works	27,233	8,040	24,613	8,078	26,561	12,016
Ratio	87.44	79,74	91.54	78.66	91.09	82.04
Coal per Unit Generated.	5.01	8.08	4.93	9.07	5.50	6.93
Coal per Unit Sold	5.73	10.12	5.39	11.53	6.03	8.45

Financial.—The net profit after meeting interest and depreciation charges is for the three months respectively Tls. 9,141, Tls. 8,678 and Tls. 8,418. Over the same period last year the figures were Tls. 8,381, Tls. 4,245 Tls. 6,151.

The total profit for the three months is Tls. 26,237 as against Tls. 18,777 for same months last year. This is the more satisfactory since it has been made in spite of the reduction in price of electricity for both private lighting heating and power purposes, and the substantial reductions in the price for public lighting.

General.—Metallic filament lamps are increasing in popularity as their merits become better known.

The mains department has been particularly busy erecting new mains for public lighting purposes in addition to the usual extensions and enlargement of various feeders and distributors.

The concrete cells for the new high-tension feeder switchgear are completed and the switchgear—manufactured by the British Westinghouse Co., Manchester—is now being fitted up.

The Paterson grease extracting plant is being erected at the Electricity Works. When this plant is in use a saving of some 60 per cent on the monthly water bills is expected.

For building the new battery room, garage, godown and native quarters on the site of the old offices and godown the tender of Sah Jin-kee was accepted at a cost of Tls. 18,100. The old buildings have already been demolished and work will soon be commenced on the foundations of the new buildings. The plan of the building is such that a lot of waste space will now be taken into use by building on every available inch of the property.

T. H. U. ALDRIDGE,
Electrical Engineer.

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MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION.

No. 1969.

SICCAWEI ROAD.

REFERRING to Notification No. 1967, notice is hereby given that the Siccawei Road is re-opened to traffic, with effect from this date.

By order,
W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

Council Room,
Shanghai, May 26, 1909.

MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION.

No. 1970

PRIVET.

WITH a view to preventing "Privet Cough," and as privet is now coming into flower, landowners and residents having the shrub on their premises are requested to remove the blossom before it opens.

By order,
W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

Council Room,
Shanghai, May 29, 1909.

MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION.

No. 1971.

DURING the absence of Mr. C. MAYNE on leave Mr. C. H. GODFREY will act as Municipal Engineer and Surveyor.

By order,
W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

Council Room,
Shanghai, May 31, 1909.

AT the meeting of the Council held on Thursday, June 3, 1909, at 4.30 p.m., there are present:

Messrs. D. Landale (*Chairman*)
H. De Gray
F. C. Heffer
W. D. Little
O. Meuser
W. A. C. Platt
J. Prentice
T. E. Trueman
The Secretary and
Assistant Secretary.

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

The minutes of the last meeting are read, confirmed, signed by the Chairman and passed for publication.

Volunteers.

Inspection Report. — Lieut.-Colonel Bayard's report on the Inspection of the Corps, conducted between April 19 and 24, is submitted and ordered for publication. His reference to the Defence Scheme, which is a confidential document, will be omitted:—

INSPECTION SHANGHAI VOLUNTEER CORPS.

I have the honour to report for the information of the O. C. Troops, South China Command, that I inspected the Shanghai Volunteer Corps between the 19th and 24th ultimo. I attach a programme of my inspection of the various units.

1. I found the Corps well commanded and in a high state of efficiency, and the various nationalities of which it is composed, working harmoniously with a complete absence of friction.

2. *Training.*—The Annual Training this year commenced on March 8 for mounted troops, and on March 20 for dismounted and terminated on April 24. I attach a programme of Parades, etc. Being a month later than former years, and as the crops were standing, I was unable to see the Corps work in the field, but I examined the tactical exercises and schemes carried out during the winter months, and satisfied myself that due attention had been paid to this all-important branch of training.

The turn-out and efficiency of the mounted units and the maxim detachment was most creditable, the officers and section commanders are capable instructors, the men are keen and of very fine physique.

The same applies equally to the dismounted units, and from what I saw, I am convinced that all ranks devote far more time in making themselves efficient than is required of them by the Council.

3. *Signalling.*—The signallers are recruited from boys, and are well trained. At the end of their "boy service" they join the ranke, but still keep up their signalling, the number of trained signallers on the strength of the Corps is 38, not 15 as shewn in the State. The signalling equipment is complete.

4. *Medical.*—The medical arrangements appear satisfactory. Although the numbers shown on the strength of the Ambulance Corps is only four, each company has a proportion of N.-C.O.'s and men in possession of First Aid Certificates, and a most complete First Aid box is kept in the most important Districts shewn in the Actual Service Memorandum.

The Corps is also in possession of three stretchers on wheels, and improvised hammock stretchers.

5. *Musketry.*—I attach copy of the Annual Musketry Return for year ending March 31, 1909, from which it will be seen the 3rd class shots and partly exercised are 106, as compared with 172 for period ending March 31, 1908.

I also attach copy of the Annual Musketry Course for the current year. It is based on the course laid down in the Hythe Circular issued with War Office Memorandum (M.T. 2) 104/9, Gen. No. 3276, dated 9-1-09. The standard of classification fixed, is, I consider, high for Volunteers.

I inspected the rifle ranges, targets, etc. The targets as regards description, dimensions and colouring are strictly in accordance with the Regulations.

The Corps has several challenge cups, which are fired for throughout the year, I inspected the schemes issued, the conditions were as near "actual service" as the ground would admit, the marching and shooting were very good.

I examined the Light Horse and Mounted Infantry in a small Field Firing Scheme on the 24th ultimo, both units were well handled, every advantage was taken of cover, and on the targets appearing, fire was opened rapidly, the shooting was steady and the percentage of hits to rounds fired was high; the ponies coupled head to tail were remarkably steady. The Battery covered the advance, firing blank, came into action, ranged and opened fire quickly.

The Mark II Lee-Enfield and the Mark I Lee-Enfield rifles in possession of the Corps are fitted with windgauge slides, these, I consider, impracticable, they are very liable to work loose and to shift with very slight pressure or vibration.

6. *Artillery Practice.*—Owing to the erection of a Mission School near the Artillery Range, it has been pronounced unsafe, consequently no practice took place this year, endeavours are being made to obtain a range outside the Settlement, a very difficult matter under the peculiar local conditions.

7. *Books.*—The books are well kept and all the entries up-to-date. The clothing and arms records are simple and clear, making stocktaking at any time an easy matter.

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RECOMMENDATIONS.

(*a*) *Gun Shields.*—The guns and limbers of the Ehrhardt guns and Maxims should be fitted with light shields capable of resisting rifle bullets, without which the efficiency of both units might be seriously impaired, as the terrain, both in and around the Settlement is so flat, the safety of the personnel would more than compensate for the additional weight.

(*b*) The provision of field telephones, with say, 500 yards of light insulated wire. Although a proportion of the N.C.O.'s and men are trained in semaphore signalling, in an emergency the absence of these men might seriously hamper the Battery Commander, whereas all the N.C.O.'s and men are conversant with telephones.

(*c*) *Artillery Stables.*—I am given to understand that the Council have authorized the erection of a new headquarters and armoury for the Corps, if possible the stables should be in, or near the headquarters. The present stables are situated about 2 miles away, in a very indifferent quarter, and in cases of sudden riot or disturbance in the Settlement, the ponies might be cut off from the armoury. The stables now used are badly ventilated, and the standing space and communication between the stalls is cramped, and I am convinced that if they were situated in a more convenient place, the Officers, N.C.O.'s and men would take even more interest than they do in that important branch of their training, stables management.

(*d*) *Great Coats.*—All ranks of the Corps should be in possession of a military great coat and web carrier, hitherto it has been the custom for the rank and file, when called out in inclement weather, to wear their mufti great coats. This does not appear a sound arrangement, and might in the event of prolonged riot or civil disturbance, cause unnecessary hardship to many members.

(*e*) *Colonial Hat.*—The Colonial slouch hat now in use, is not in my opinion sufficient protection in a tropical climate, and should be replaced by a cork or pith helmet. I am informed that on the last occasion the Corps was called out to suppress riot, it was found necessary to give the members permission to wear mufti solar topees.

(*f*) *Engineer Company.*—The Council have sanctioned the enlistment of an Engineer Corps, but pending the formation of this unit, the necessary R.E. stores, i.e., entrenching tools, felling axes, crowbars, barbed wire, stakes and wire cutters, and materials for hasty demolition, etc, should be kept in store.

REGINALD BAYARD,
Lieut.-Colonel,
Commdg. 2nd Battalion The Buffs.

Hongkong, May 5, 1909.

Statement of Strength of the Corps on April 24, 1909.

UNIT.	Commandant	Majors	Captains	Lieutenants	2nd-Lieuts	Warrant Officers	Staff Sergeants	Trumpeters, Buglers and Drummers	Rank and File	Total	Remarks
Staff	1	2	2			1	4			10	Mjr. Lalcaca on leave Cpt. Davidson do.
Light Horse ...			1		2		1	1	36	41	2nd Lts. Godfrey and Reid on leave
Artillery				1	1		2	2	39	45	Cpt. Stewart on leave
M.I.				1					16	17	
Maxim Co.			2	1			1		60	64	
"A" Co.			1	2	1		1		99	104	Lt. K.D.Stewart on leave
"B" Co.			1	2			1		53	57	
Customs Co. ...				1	1		1	1	50	54	Lt. Dick on leave
German Co... ...			1		1				54	56	
American Co. ...			1				1	1	39	42	
Portuguese Co. ...			1	1	1		1	4	69	77	
Chinese Co... ...			1	1	1			4	97	104	
Japanese Co. ...				1	1				49	51	
Buglers								12		12	
Signallers									15	15	Lt. Carlsen on leave
Ambulance... ...			3						4	7	
Effectives...	1	2	14	11	9	1	13	25	680	756	
Reserve Co... ...			1	1	1		1		84	88	
German Reserve...			1						35	36	
Mtd. Scouts ...				1					24	25	
12-Bore Gun Co....				1					32	33	
On Leave		1	2	2	3					8	
TOTAL...	1	3	18	16	13	1	14	25	855	946	

A. A. S. BARNES, *Major,*
Commandant Shanghai Volunteer Corps.

SHANGHAI, April 24, 1909.

Police.

Foreign Branch.—Constable W. D. Rogers is permitted to terminate his service with effect from May 31.

Recreation Fund.—Following the recommendation of the Captain-Superintendent, the purchase of a billiard table for the Wayside Police Station is authorized, at an approximate cost of Tls. 700.

Sikh Branch. Marriage.—Referring to the minute published on June 27, 1907, the number of Sikh constables permitted to marry is, upon the recommendation of the Captain-Superintendent, raised from 5 to 7½ per cent of the strength, with effect from January 1, 1910.

Sikh Gurdwara.—The following correspondence is ordered for publication:—

Shanghai, May 12, 1909.

SIR,—I have the honour to forward herewith for your consideration and reply copy and translation of a letter received from the Taotai as to the presence of a number of Sikh members of the Municipal Police in uniform and under arms at the religious services held in what may be inferred to be the Sikh Gurdwara, beyond Settlement limits.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,
D. SIFFERT,
Consul-General for Belgium
and Senior Consul.

D. LANDALE, Esq.,
Chairman, Municipal Council.

Translation of letter from Taotai T'sai Nai Huang to the Senior Consul, dated May, 1909.

The Senior Consul is informed that on April 12 of this year a dispatch was received from the Head Office of the Constabulary to the effect that on April 13 a petition came forward from Te Ching, Assistant Superintendent of the Sub-Office of the Third Road in the Northern District referring to a report by Sub-Inspector Li Fu-chuan of the Third Section as follows:—

"Within the Third Section of the "Paoshan Road by the railway, certain "Indians have established a chapel and "on April 12 at some celebration of "which the nature is unknown, the "Indian Police of the Settlement "gathered together in the chapel and "chanted prayers, and there were 20 or "30 men in uniform, and 20 or 30 "mounted Police with swords, guns, "lances, etc., which, constituting an "encroachment beyond the boundary, "was in disobedience to regulations and "injurious to sovereign rights; and a "petition is accordingly addressed re-"questing that an official letter be "written putting a stop to the practice, "thus preserving due regard for foreign "official intercourse, and avoiding "difficulties."

The Head Office on receipt of this petition observed that the situation of the Indian chapel in question is in the Northern District in the Chinese Settlement in the Pao Hsing Road, and within the section of the Third Office of the Constabulary of the Third Road:

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and that recently several Indian Police in the Settlement actually wearing uniform and bearing arms again went to the chapel to chant prayers; which, constituting an encroachment beyond the boundary, and an infraction of regulations, was inconsistent with public principle. A dispatch was accordingly addressed to the Taotai requesting him to take note and communicate with the Senior Consul, asking him to give directions to the Police, stopping this action, and stating that the Indian Police must hereafter comply with and observe the Settlement boundary, and may not for the future secretly disobey the regulations and encroach beyond the boundary wearing uniform and carrying arms.

Upon receipt of this dispatch the Taotai has accordingly to communicate with the Senior Consul requesting him kindly to take note and give directions for compliance; and awaits the favour of a reply.

Council Room,

Shanghai, June 7, 1909.

SIR,—With reference to your letter of May 12, and to the communication from the Taotai therein enclosed, upon the subject of the attendance of Sikh Police in uniform and under arms at the Gurdwara adjoining the Shanghai-Nanking Railway, I have the honour to state that this institution is situated in the district, fed by the North Szechuen Road, which is, as you are aware, policed by the Council. The presence of Police, both foreign and Indian, in uniform and under arms should therefore call for no especial comment.

The Gurdwara is purely a religious institution, and armed Police proceed there only as guards-of-honour at special festivals, and occasionally as a matter of convenience in arranging their hours of attendance conveniently with their ordinary duties.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

DAVID LANDALE,

Chairman.

D. SIFFERT, Esq.,

Consul-General for Belgium,

and Senior Consul.

Houses of Entertainment beyond Limits.

A letter from the French Consul-General is read, containing the terms of a Consular Order issued by himself prohibiting houses of entertainment beyond limits except such as are provided with special signed authority. In accordance with Mr. Ratard's request, the Police will be instructed to see that this order is carried into effect.

Translation of letter from the French Consul-General to the Council, dated May 27, 1909.

SIR,—In order to regularise in respect to jurisdiction the situation of public establishments conducted by Frenchmen and French protégés outside the Settlements at Shanghai, I have the honour to inform you that on the 20th of this month I signed a Consular Order in the terms of which no club, hotel, restaurant, café, tavern, house for the sale of any sort of beverage, theatre, exhibition, shooting or skating establishment, circus or managerie can be opened by Frenchmen or French protègés outside the legal boundary of the Settlement, without special authorization signed by me.

I beg you to be good enough to give instructions to the Municipal Police, which I delegate to this end, that it shall prevent the opening of any establishment of the kind by persons under the jurisdiction of this Consulate-General, unless they present in the first place a copy of this authorization in which shall be stipulated the conditions imposed upon their undertaking.

I am, etc.,

L. RATARD,

Consul-General for France.

D. LANDALE, Esq.,

Chairman, Municipal Council.

Council Room,

Shanghai, June 7, 1909.

SIR,—I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of May 27, notifying the Council of the terms of the Consular Order which you have issued with respect to houses of entertainment opened under French control beyond the limits of the Settlement.

In thanking you for this communication, I have the honour to state that the Police have received instructions to carry out your wishes with respect to the observance of this Order.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

DAVID LANDALE,

Chairman.

L. RATARD, Esq.,

Consul-General for France.

Consular Body.

A letter from Mr. Amos P. Wilder, American Consul-General, informs the Council that he has taken over charge of the Consulate-General from Mr. C. Denby, with effect from June 1.

Mixed Court.

Custody of Prisoners.—The Senior Consul writes, requesting, in the case of the release of good conduct prisoners before expiry of their sentence, that the name of each prisoner and particulars as to his release shall be furnished for the information of, and record at, the Mixed Court. Directions are issued for compliance with this arrangement.

Native Guilds.

A form of contract relating to the hiring of furniture is submitted on behalf of the Furniture Dealers' Guild, containing clauses as to foreign official authority for the document and as to its compulsory application to all dealers.

Reference is made to the proclamation on this subject the issue of which was proposed in 1907, *vide* pp. 42/7 of the Annual Municipal Report for that year, and a Police report is submitted indicating the possibly monopolistic character of the present scheme.

It is decided to point out that no privileges will be attained by signature of any such contract, and that the Police will be unable to recognize its proposed protective effect in matters of distraint for rent or taxes:—

Council Room,

Shanghai, June 7, 1909.

GENTLEMEN,—With reference to the form of contract in triplicate containing conditions for hiring furniture which has been forwarded to the Council on your behalf, I am directed to inform you that the inference from a statement therein contained, that the document has the sanction or approval of the foreign authorities in the Settlement is at least misleading. The Police will not recognize the contract as conferring any privileges upon the members of your Guild or as having any binding effect except in so far as this is already guaranteed by existing practice and the rights of ordinary trade.

The further statement that every shop shall without exception report and apply to your society for a form of this contract will thus receive no recognition, nor will the collection of any levy be permitted except from such members of your trade as may elect to pay it voluntarily.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

W. E. LEVESON,

Secretary.

THE FURNITURE DEALERS' GUILD.

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Road Extensions and Widenings.

Peking Road.—With regard to the effect of the widening scheme in progress on Cadastral lot 314, it is noted that almost one-half of this small property is required for road purposes. The offer by the registered owner, Mr. A. Wilson, of the whole of the lot at the assessed value plus ten per cent is therefore authorized for acceptance, Tls 5,610. The scheduled area is Mow 0.097 and the remainder, Mow 0.158 will be held for use or sale hereafter as circumstances may direct. The disposal of the buildings at present on the site, six native houses in poor condition, will be the subject of special arrangement.

Defence Creek.

In view of the continual deposition of house refuse and other material into this creek, the recommendation of the Engineer is adopted that prohibitory notices in English and Chinese be erected along its bank.

Electricity Department.

The minutes of the Electricity Committee of May 26 are read and confirmed. There were present :—

Messrs. J. Grant Mackenzie
E. C. Pearce
G. Wuilleumier
The Electrical Engineer and
The Secretary.

At the proposal of Mr. Mackenzie, Mr. Pearce is re-elected Chairman of the Committee.

The following are ordered for publication :—

Steel Poles.—The Engineer reports, in connexion with the present more general adoption of metallic filament lamps, that steel poles would be preferable to wood where the plan of staggering lamps on either side of the road is adopted. He states that, taking into consideration the longer life of steel poles, they will work out cheaper than wood, and that no amendment of the scale of prices will be involved. The Committee, therefore, approves the proposal to order 100 such poles, tenders to be called therefor through Messrs. Preece and Cardew.

Indents.—Nos. 781/6 and 788 on the London Agents, amounting to £326. 14s. are submitted and approved. The following local orders are also authorized:—Messrs. Scott, Harding & Co., 1,000 insulators at 15s. per dozen ; Samuel Macgregor & Co., 10 Time-switches, at £7.13s. each ; Andersen, Meyer & Co., 10 Time-switches at G.$29 each, with further orders on the last named firm for additional Tungsten lamps, arc transformers and other gear at an aggregate cost of Gold $4,700.

Plant.—A letter from Messrs. Preece & Cardew is read to the effect that they have placed the order for steelwork for the new godown buildings with Messrs. Dorman & Long at a cost of about £199. Other tenders were received from Messrs. Measures Bros., £270, and Messrs. Redpath Brown & Co., £220.

Three tenders for the supply of a Feed Water Heater, for which there is a Budget appropriation of £200, are submitted and that of Messrs. Holden & Brooke, £116.18s., is authorized for acceptance. Other tenders were those of Messrs. Babcock & Wilcox Ld., £155, and Messrs. J. Wright & Co., £192.

Extensions.—Upon the request of a resident, and upon his undertaking to make the usual contribution of ten per cent per annum on the capital cost, an extension of the mains in Yangtszepoo Road is sanctioned as far as No. 93, at an estimated cost of Tls. 620. A similar extension in the Tongshan Road will be carried out on the same terms.

[*Other minutes of this meeting relate to matters of departmental administration and to subjects which are still under consideration.*]

Public School.

Staff.—The resignation of Mrs. M. G. Stuart is accepted to take effect from December 31, and the following letter records the Council's appreciation of her services:—

Council Room,

Shanghai, May 25, 1909.

MADAM,—With regard to your approaching resignation of your post of Assistant Mistress at the Public School, I am directed to express to you on behalf of the members of the School Committee and of the Council their great appreciation of the good work which you have performed during your ten years on the staff, and their regret that the School, with the interests of which you have so closely identified yourself, will thus be deprived of your services.

I am, Madam,

Your obedient servant,

W. E. LEVESON,

Secretary.

MRS. STUART,

Shanghai Public School.

The vacancies in the staff thus caused will be filled under the supervision of Mr. C. S. Addis in London, as heretofore.

Tenders.

The following are authorized for acceptance:—

Supply of seats, etc., in the Hongkew Recreation Ground:—

32 Long Seats, Sing Chong Tls. 304

400 Bamboo Chairs,
Chow Yet-dah..... 120

1 Garden Shelter,
Chang Nuen-shun 72

Supply of 5 tons of dynamite for the Pingchiao Quarry, in two shipments of 2½ tons each. Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ld., £92 per ton, also 1 ton additional to be supplied forthwith ex magazine.

Supply of 58 electric fans of various types for use in connexion with the change of voltage of certain consumers; Messrs. Andersen, Meyer & Co., Tls. 1,911.90.

The meeting adjourns at 6.15 p.m.

Notification of Infectious Disease.

The following have been reported during the week ending Sunday, June 6, 1909.	Death among Chinese population of 550,000	Cases notified among Non-Chinese population of 15,000.
Small-pox.	1	0
Cholera.	0	0
Typhoid Fever	—	1
Diphtheria.	1	1
Scarlet Fever.	2	1
Tuberculosis	17	1
Plague	0	0
Total Deaths from all Causes	115	1

ARTHUR STANLEY,

Health Officer.

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Summary of Plague Prevention Work

during the week ending June 6, 1909.

	District				
	Eastern	Northern	Central	Western	Total
Rats found dead and brought to the Laboratory for examination	67	149	101	37	354
Rats plague infected	0	0	0	0	0
No. of traps in operation	1455	1110	551	400	3516
No. of rats trapped and burnt	488	352	81	135	1036
Poisoned baits laid	1550	103000	0	3207	107757
Houses temporarily rat-proofed and disinfected under notice to occupiers	205	268	0	0	473
Houses rat-proofed under notice to owners	0	0	0	0	0
Persons vaccinated against plague	0	0	0	0	0

ARTHUR STANLEY,
Health Officer.

Public Band.

The performances during next week will (weather permitting) be as follows :

Mon.	June 14,	5 p.m.	Public Garden
Tues.	„ 15,	5 „	Hongkew Recreation Ground
Wed.	„ 16,	5 „	Public Garden
Thurs.	„ 17,	5 „	Public Garden
Fri.	„ 18,	5 „	Hongkew Recreation Ground
Sat.	„ 19,	4 „	Public Recreation Ground

Engineer's Report for May.

The outside work of the Department has been carried on uninterruptedly during the month as the weather has been continuously fine.

The relaying of the Kiangse Road sewer was completed at the end of the month, the actual laying of the new sewer having taken fifty-four days. The total length laid was 1,192 feet, extending from the Yangkingpang to Foochow Road. Disinfectants were freely used during the progress of the work in order to render the stench from the old sewer as unobjectionable as possible.

The culverting of the Chang Pang has been deferred on account of the approaching hot weather. It is necessary to dam up the creek during the progress of the work and this results in the stagnation of the water with its attendant discomforts.

The dredging of the Tsze Pang from its mouth at the Soochow Creek to Avenue Road was started on the 27th of the month. The creek has silted up considerably along this portion of its course and the removal of the accumulated material will increase the flow of water to and from the Yung Zeen Pang — the creek adjoining Bubbling Well Road. The difficulty of conserving this creek is accentuated by its passing through private property for a considerable distance, and it not infrequently happens that the flow of water may be impaired or completely stopped by private individuals. A case of complete stoppage has just been discovered and steps have been taken to remedy matters. The fact that such obstructions can take place in private and enclosed premises, without the knowledge of this Department, is a strong argument in favour of constructing public roads on the banks of important drainage ditches.

The raising and forming of Baikal Road and Rangoon Road in the Eastern District has been completed and these roads should now help to open up the adjoining country.

The following orders have been placed this month with the Electricity Department :—Replacing the existing gas lamps along Bubbling Well Road, west of Carter Road, by metallic filament lamps. The erection of 23 metallic filaments in the Central District, east of Honan Road. New lamps have been erected as follows during the month:—3 metallic filaments along Myburgh Road between Avenue Road and Burkill Road, 36 arcs in the Northern District, 5 gas lamps in the Eastern District.

The following lamps have been removed :—28 gas lamps and 2 incandescent electric lamps in the Northern District.

The following is a summary of the work done by the Department during the month :—

Works in Progress. — Inspector's Quarters, Wayside Police Station. Indians' Quarters, Wayside Police Station. Native Police Hospital adjoining Victoria Nursing Home. Western Police Depôt, Gordon Road. Battery Room, Electricity Department. Alterations to compound, Hongkew Police Station. Thorburn Road Latrine. Fire service, Nursing Home. Pavilion in Hongkew Recreation Ground. Laying 3-ft. diam. culvert across Jessfield Road at Brenan Piece. Wooden bunding along Haiphong Road. Raising Dalny Road. Laying 3-ft. diam. culvert at the corner of Dalny Road and Ward Road. Laying 1-ft. 6-in. by 1-ft. sewer along Boundary Road. Laying 1-ft. 6-in. by 1-ft. sewer along Kansuh Road. Laying 12-in. sewer along Wuchow Road. Repairs to Hanbury Road bridge. Steam Roller Shed, Northern District Depôt. Widening Tsepoo Road west of Kansuh Road. Widening Haining Road east of North Honan Road. Annual Painting of bridges, markets, etc.

Works Finally Completed.—Raising Bubbling Well Cemetery Extension. Concrete bunding along the Soochow Creek on the south-east side of Chekiang Road Bridge. Repairs to Chapoo Road Bridge. Laying 3-ft. by 2-ft. concrete sewer along Kiangse Road from Sungkiang Road to Foochow Road. Raising Baikal Road. Raising Rangoon Road.

Plans Completed.—Sketch plans for S.V.C. Headquarters in Municipal Compound. Working drawings of Workshops and Store at Gaol. Block plans for general development of Municipal Compound. Plan showing proposed wheelbarrow track along the Bund Foreshore. Carpenters Depôt, North-Eastern Division. Astor Road reinforced concrete jetty. Reinforced concrete bridge, Chaoufoong Road.

Cleansing.—62 cartloads of garbage, 3107 cartloads of road detritus, and 2,377 cartloads of gully deposit were collected during the month.

Quarry.—2,472 tons of road materials have been received during the month from the Quarry.

Concreteware.—The following concreteware has been made at the Range Road Depôt during the month:—

Hand made	1,137 pieces
Machine made	1,412 „
Total...	2,549 „

New Buildings.

Summary of work done during the month :—

Description of Work.	*Total*
Buildings under construction * ...	150
Plans submitted for sanction	36
Plans approved	35
Inspections by Inspectors	1,141

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Permits for Carpenters sheds, etc..	18
,, ,, Boundary Walls.....	6
,, ,, Repairs to Buildings..	59
,, ,, New Shop Fronts.....	8
,, ,, Painting	104
,, ,, Alterations	44
,, ,, Erecting Fences	27
,, ,, Erecting Sign-boards..	99
,, ,, Erecting Drying Stages	1
,, ,, Sunshades	139
Dangerous Notices served	10
Summonses.....	0
Encroachments reported and rectified	3

*These figures refer to the number of blocks of buildings under construction, the number of houses would be considerably greater.

Dangerous Structures.

Notices as to dangerous structures received from the public	0
Notices from other Departments ...	3§
Dangerous structures reported by P.W.D.	3
First intimation Notices issued.....	5
Second ,, ,, ...	5

§ Only found necessary to issue 2 notices.

Survey Work.

Official measurements of new land lots attended during the month..	101
Cadastral certificates issued	64
Consular lots surveyed	24
Surveys made in connexion with road widenings and/or extensions	53
Lots examined to ascertain whether they included roads or waterways which are or may be in future of use to the public	46

M. C. R. stones have been erected as follows:—

Western District	5 stones.
Central ,,	18 ,,
Northern ,,	5 ,,
Eastern ,,	75 ,,
Outside limits	2 ,,
Total	105 stones.

Miscellaneous.—The average number of labourers employed during the month, exclusive of contract work, has been 2,351 as compared with 1,872 during April, 1908.

C. H. GODFREY,
Acting Engineer and Surveyor.

Health Officer's Report for May.

The condition of the Public Health continues satisfactory. Typhoid fever showed a tendency to become prevalent, as is frequently the case during prolonged periods of dry weather. With the exception of Tuberculosis, which is an ever present danger, there has been no marked incidence of any dangerous preventable disease. The almost complete absence of Smallpox throughout the winter has been remarkable. Public vaccination has now ceased for the season and, as vaccine rapidly loses its virulence even at a moderately elevated temperature, its use during the summer months is discouraged. Public vaccination will be renewed in October, when a vigorous campaign is anticipated.

As regards Plague among rats the improvement noted last month has been well maintained during May: moreover, no human cases have been met with.

PLAGUE AMONG RATS

Comparative Monthly Figures

	Rats examined	Plague infected	Percentage infected
December	1,359	50	3.7
January	1,118	26	2.3
February	1,375	30	2.2
March	2,585	41	1.6
April	1,897	21	1.1
May	1,780	10	0 6

The Central and Western Districts have been entirely free from plague infected rats throughout the month. The Eastern District, where the outbreak originated and where preventive measures were first organized, furnished only 3 infected rats as against 11 last month. The Northern District, for the first time, heads the list with 7 infected rats, of which three were found outside the Settlement, in the Chapei district. This would be a more unfortunate fact to record were it not for the absence of opposition by the native authorities to preventive measures being carried well beyond the Settlement boundary. These have been vigorously pressed forward and, there is reason to believe, with good result. If the improvement in the general condition regarding Plague among rats is maintained and, as cases of Plague in man are dependent upon its prevalence among rats, if there is no outbreak of Plague among the human population by the end of June, a good prognosis may be made and the community may have every reason to congratulate itself on having escaped for a time a danger the magnitude of which has never been experienced in Shanghai so long as sanitary records have been kept.

The mosquito brigades have been working as outlined in the two preceding monthly reports. The number of mosquitoes has been considerably less than usual, though how much of the diminution is due to the abnormally dry weather time will tell. From an examination of samples taken from the numerous kongs which have been overturned and the stagnant waters which have been petrolised, it may be certainly concluded that the mosquito population cannot but have been very largely reduced by the measures taken. As an index of the amount of work done it may be mentioned that upwards of 25,000 kongs and jars have been emptied weekly, these vessels having been found to contribute most largely to the development of mosquitoes. There has been very little friction with the native community though a considerable degree of inertia has been met with among foreigners. In the last report residents were requested to notify the Health Officer in writing if they were troubled with mosquitoes, so as to serve as a check on the work of the staff and as an indication for further measures. As a result of this request two letters only were received complaining of mosquitoes. This would indicate either a remarkable absence of mosquitoes or a singular apathy on the part of the community.

A new feature in this report is what may be termed a 'Dairy Black List' which gives the names of the dairy and dairyman together with the extent of any adulteration, etc., found during the month on examination of samples of milk in the Municipal Laboratory. It is proposed to publish this list each month for the guidance of the public.

As a result of further improvement in the system of house refuse removal, it has been found possible to close the dumping depôt up the Whangpoo river, thus eliminating a depôt so far removed from the Settlement as to be so difficult of supervision as to have led to the dumping of refuse into the stream.

ARTHUR STANLEY,
Health Officer.

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Deaths.

	Foreign. Resident.	Foreign. Non-Resident.	Native.
Small-pox	0	0	3
Cholera	0	0	0
Typhoid Fever ...	1	0	—
Diphtheria	0	0	3
Scarlet Fever.....	1	0	1
Tuberculosis	0	1	54
Beri-beri.....	1	1	—
From all causes ..	17	4	245

Infectious Disease Notified Among Foreign Resident Population.

Small-pox	0
Cholera	0
Typhoid Fever	5
Diphtheria.....	1
Scarlet Fever.....	1
Tuberculosis	1

Municipal Laboratory.

Small-pox vaccine issued ...	1442 tubes.
Vaccinations	238
Diphtheria Antitoxin issued..	75
Cases undergoing anti-rabic treatment	3
Bacteriological examinations	65
Analysis.....	49

Slaughter-House Returns.

	Slaughtered.	Rejected at Slaughter-house.	Passed for Slaughter from Cattle-sheds.	Passed for Export from Cattle-sheds.	Rejected at Cattle-sheds.
Oxen	1314	2	1314	1	0
Sheep	2743	1	2743	49	7
Calves	433	1	433	0	0
Pigs.....	186	0	0	0	0

Victoria Nursing Home.

Cases admitted	37
Discharged	34
Died	1
Remaining last day of month	15
Nursed outside the Home	3
Daily visits	0
Nursing pre-engagements	2

Isolation Hospitals

		Foreign.	Native.
Cases Admitted—	Small-pox.....	1	2
	Cholera.....	0	0
	Typhoid Fever...	0	0
	Diphtheria	4	0
	Scarlet Fever	0	2
	Other Diseases...	2	23
Discharged		4	33
Died		1	0
Remaining last day of month		4	25

Report on Analysis of Water.

Sample received May 31, 1909.

Report sent out June 5, 1909.

Physical Characters. — Greenish yellow colour with slight opacity. Faint alkaline reaction. Well aerated.

Solid Matter in Solution	12.6
a.—Volatile.....	6.7
b.—Fixed.....	5.9
Appearance on Ignition...	Slight Charring
Total Hardness	8.0
a.—Temporary	4.0
b.—Permanent	4.0
Chlorine	1.9
Nitrogen as Nitrates	0.0452
Saline Ammonia	0.0021
Albuminoid Ammonia	0.0115
Poisonous Metals	Nil
Nitrites	Nil
Phosphates	Nil
Sulphates	Traces.

Bacteriological Examination. — Gelatine plates at 23°c. yielded an average of 50 micro-organisms per c.c.

Agar plates at blood heat showed 30 colonies per c.c.

Organisms of the coli group were present in quantities of 0.5 c.c. and upwards.

Report on Analysis.—A sample of water of good degree of chemical and biological purity.

Mosquito Extermination Work during May

	District. Eastern	Northern	Central	Western	Total
Stagnant waters on land removed	39	6	0	238	283
Stagnant waters in and around houses removed	15105	8111	21916	7915	53047
Stagnant waters oiled weekly ...	6233	210	50	4234	10727

Summary of Plague Prevention Work During May, 1909.

	District. Eastern	Northern	Central	Western	Total
Rats found dead and brought to the Laboratory for examination	395	716	580	114	1805
Rats plague infected	3	7	0	0	10
No. of traps in operation	1700	1305	640	340	3985
No. of rats trapped and burnt.....	1704	1312	558	462	3931
Poisoned baits laid.	136369	356940	369000	19878	882187
Houses temporarily rat-proofed and disinfected under notice to occupiers	898	938	0	75	1911
Houses rat-proofed under notice to owners	0	0	0	0	0
Persons vaccinated against plague....	0	0	0	0	0

ARTHUR STANLEY,

Health Officer.

Milk from Licensed Dairies examined in the Laboratory and found adulterated, etc.

DAIRY	SITUATION	LICENSEE	ADULTERATION, ETC.
Fok Kyi	Avenue Road	Tsa Ah Hoo	30.7% added water
Swiss Farm	Bubbling Well Rd.	Mrs. Robinson	Cream deficient
Fok Kyi	Avenue Road	Tsa Ah Hoo	23.8% added water
Tuh Shing	F. Kashing Road	Ying Sieu Tsung	44.2% added water
Wayside Dairy	1543 Tongshan Rd.	Tsz Mok Zien	2.0% added water
Swiss Farm	Bubbling Well Rd.	Mrs. Robinson	Cream deficient
Hung Fei Dairy	Bubbling Well Rd.	Hung Fei	3.5% added water and cream deficient
Hongkew Dairy	N. Szechue Road	Ching Tsu Liang	Cream deficient
Hong Kee	N. Szechuen Road	Chang Shu Fong	3.5% added water
Yong Shu Fong	N. Szechuen Road	Yong Shu Fong	8.0% added water
Mo Hung Shing	N. Szechuen Road	Mo Hung Shing	Cream deficient

General Sanitary Work for May.

	District. Eastern	Northern	Central	Western	Total.
Vaccination against small-pox	0	36	90	27	153
Enquiries after notification of foreign cases of infectious disease...	0	5	0	3	8
Enquiries after notification of Chinese cases of, and deaths from, infectious disease	21	21	106	7	155
Rooms disinfected after infectious disease	30	41	20	12	103
Articles of clothing, bedding, etc., disinfected by steam	6190	209	124	59	6682
Houses cleansed and limewashed	880	789	33	73	1775
Ventilation and lighting amended	0	3	0	5	8
Defective drainage amended	10	20	7	9	46
Insanitary wells abolished	0	7	0	3	10
Proper water supply provided	0	5	0	1	6
Insanitary latrines and urinals rendered healthy ...	0	1	1	4	6
Night-soil pits and kongs abolished...	113	9	0	238	360
Exposed coffined corpses removed and buried... ...	0	6	0	0	6
Smoke nuisances suppressed	0	0	0	0	0
Offensive trade processes amended	0	1	0	0	1
Beggar-boats removed...	1	0	0	0	1
Complaints of insanitary conditions received from the public	4	11	4	6	25
Insanitary conditions reported by Health Officer ...	27	41	12	10	90
Written intimation issued for sanitary amendment	8	6	9	9	32
Second written intimations issued for sanitary amendment	5	2	0	1	8
Notices of intention to proceed served	0	0	0	0	0
Samples taken for analysis...	8	8	3	15	34
Pounds of unsound food destroyed	550	240	915	18	1723
Hawkers brought into markets...	116	126	88	0	330
Food prosecutions	1	9	0	2	12
House refuse prosecutions	34	10	30	0	74
Laundry and other prosecutions	0	0	0	0	0
Tons of ordure removed	1240	2550	1660	1116	6566
Tons of house refuse removed	2981	2806	4547	806	10790

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MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION.

No. 1953.

THE Council is prepared to receive tenders for the annual supply of PORTLAND CEMENT in such quantities as may be required.

Specifications may be seen, and all necessary information obtained, upon application at the Public Works Office, Hankow Road, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Sealed tenders will be received by the undersigned not later than noon on Saturday, June 26, 1909, and should be marked "Tender for Portland Cement."

The Council does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender, or to pay any expenses which the contractor may incur in tendering. The contractor whose tender is eventually accepted will be required to give satisfactory security for the due performance of the contract.

The names of tenderers, with the prices quoted, will be published for general information.

By order,

W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

Council Room,
Shanghai, March 10, 1909.

MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION.

No. 1972

PUBLIC SCHOOL FOR CHINESE.

THE Council is prepared to receive applications for the post of Foreign Assistant Master in the Public School for Chinese. Preference will be given to applicants holding a first-class Government certificate, specially qualified in Mathematics, having experience in secondary schools, or with knowledge of Chinese. Salary, Tls. 125, Tls. 150 and Tls. 175 per mensem during the three years of an agreement, with quarters or an allowance in lieu.

Applications in candidates' own handwriting should state age, qualifications, etc., and must be sent to the undersigned not later than June 30, 1909.

By order,

J. B. A. MACKINNON,
Assistant Secretary.

Council Room,
Shanghai, June 14, 1909.

MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION.

No. 1973.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Transfer Books of the Municipal Loans will be closed from June 20, to June 30, both days inclusive.

By order,

J. B. A. MACKINNON,
Assistant Secretary.

Council Room,
Shanghai, June 16, 1909.

AT the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, June 9, 1909, at 4.30 p.m., there are present:

Messrs. D. Landale (*Chairman*)
H. De Gray
F. C. Heffer
H. A. J. Macray
O. Meuser
W. A. C. Platt
J. Prentice
T. E. Trueman
The Secretary and
Assistant Secretary.

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

The minutes of the last meeting are read, confirmed, signed by the Chairman and passed for publication.

Volunteers.

Customs Company.—Upon the recommendation of the Commandant, a commission as Captain is authorized for issue to Lieutenant W. G. Lay.

German Company.—A commission as Second Lieutenant is authorized for issue to Mr. H. Steen, *vice* Lieutenant Koch, who has left Shanghai.

Funeral Processions.—A report by the Commandant refers to a recent decision by the Watch Committee against permitting the use of the Nanking Road for the funeral procession of a member of the Corps.

It is noted that the disorganization of traffic and especially of the tramway service, caused by such processions, is considerable. It appears therefore inadvisable to permit the use of this main thoroughfare for funerals except for such as traverse the Nanking Road in passing direct to a Cemetery.

In recording its decision that the passage of these and all similar processions must be dependent upon the exigencies of traffic, the Council has full confidence that every endeavour will be made to comply when possible with the wishes of the Corps.

Police.

Quarters.—From a report by the Captain-Superintendent it is noted that the accommodation at Yangtszepoo Station has proved insufficient owing to increase in the number of occupants since the early part of the year, and the difficulty in ensuring that men performing night duty obtain sufficient rest. His recommendations are in favour of leasing for one year at a monthly rental of Tls. 60 per mensem the upper part of the premises owned by the China Export & Import Lumber Company, No. 79 Yangtszepoo Road, situated within 300 yards of the Station, and containing four large and four small rooms, one of which will be set aside for purposes of recreation. It is noted that for this small extra expenditure there is no provision in the Budget, but the members of the Watch Committee having personally inspected the existing accommodation are satisfied of the urgency of the step proposed, which accordingly receives the Council's sanction.

Cell Accommodation—A requisition to convert the old Charge Room at Hongkew Station into a cell for foreign prisoners, at present lacking, is approved, at the cost of Tls. 288.

Building.—Finished drawings of the Additional Work Sheds at the Gaol for which provision is made in the Budget, are submitted and approved. The building will be of two storeys and will contain a tinsmiths' shop, carpenters' shop, and bamboo store. It will be situated between the present workshops and the infirmary.

Traffic.—In a report upon this subject the Captain-Superintendent refers to the obstructions caused by wheelbarrows passing to and from the Bund

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pontoons. In the following extract from a report on the subject, he advocates a remedial measure as follows :—

"Of the wheel-barrow it may be truly "said that it is one of the most efficient "means for transporting goods by hand "in existence, provided the track be "level, hard and used by no other "traffic. Owing to the well-known "instability of the wheel-barrow, it is, "however, totally unfit for use with any "other traffic. While in equilibrium "it will carry enormous loads, as soon "as this is disturbed the driver is quite "powerless to restore it."

"It is recommended, therefore, that "wheel-barrows be given a narrow "granite track on the east edge of the "grass-plots on the Bund, from the "Yangkingpang Bridge to the Public "Garden."

From a report by the Engineer it is noted that the estimated cost of constructing a single track of the kind proposed, with passing places, amounts to Tls. 3,400, and in discussion of this project the following views are recorded :—

(*a*) The expenditure of this large amount must necessarily be deferred for inclusion in the Budget for 1910.

(*b*) The track in the position proposed will unquestionably meet with opposition on the part of a section of the public, and the project should therefore be laid before the public before being finally sanctioned.

(*c*) A preferable line may perhaps be found on the existing eastern pathway beneath the trees.

Tramways.

Sections and Fares.—The following correspondence is ordered for publication:—

Shanghai, May 11, 1909.

Sir,—I have pleasure in sending you, herewith, for the information of the Council, a summary of traffic for the month of April.

The Directors whilst deeply disappointed that the Company is not yet collecting a remunerative revenue recognize that this is entirely owing to the enormous service of very cheap ricshas and in no small degree to the serious loss by exchange of subsidiary coinage. When the Company commenced running this loss amounted to 10.19 per cent, and it has been increasing steadily until it has now reached 24.21 per cent which represents on the present revenue a loss of about $9,000 per month. I am directed to make application for the approval of the Council to the following slight modification in the fares scale which, with the greater number of longer-distance travellers during the summer, should assist, to some extent, it is thought, towards counterbalancing the exchange losses:—

Present.		*Proposed.*	
1st	2nd.		1st 2nd.
Sections.		Sections.	
1	3c. 2c.	1	3c. 2c.
2	6c. 4c.	2	6c. 4c.
3 or more	9c. 6c.	3 or 4	9c. 6c.
		5 or more	12c. 8c.

It is desired, if the Council is agreeable, to introduce this change on June 1.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
D. McColl,
General Manager.

W. E. Leveson, Esq.,
Secretary, Municipal Council.

Council Room,
Shanghai, May 20, 1909.

Sir,—I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of May 11 enclosing the traffic returns for April.

In regard to your application to charge a fourth section-fare in each class for 5 or more sections the Council recalls the fact that the maximum of 3 section-fares for any distance was one of the chief advantages reaped by the public in the adjustment of this matter which was conceded early this year. It will, therefore, appear unsatisfactory if this favourable arrangement is revoked after so short a time, and the Council is unwilling to sanction the change except after the fullest consideration, and if convinced that the Company's financial position calls for the step.

It has been suggested to the Council that were ricsha and tram-tickets interchangeable traffic facilities would thereby be improved with remunerative results to your Company, and I am to state that proposals in this sense would receive the Council's ready consideration.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
W. E. Leveson,
Secretary.

D. McColl, Esq.,
General Manager,
Shanghai Electric Construction Co., Ld.

Council Room,
Shanghai, June 11, 1909.

Sir,—With reference to my letter of May 20, on the subject of your proposals for higher fares for long distances, I am directed to inform you that, with a view to assisting the Company as far as possible, the Council is now willing to sanction the change in question, in the confidence that the necessity for the change will be recognized by the public generally.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
W. E. Leveson,
Secretary.

D. McColl, Esq.,
General Manager,
Shanghai Electric Construction Co., Ld.

Land Commission.

Mr. J. Whittall is unanimously elected to be the Council's nominee on the Commission *vice* Mr. F. Anderson, resigned, for the remainder of the Municipal Year 1909-10 in accordance with the provisions of Land Regulation VIA.

Consular Body.

A letter from Mr. A. van de Sande Bakhuyzen, Acting Consul-General for the Netherlands, informs the Council that he has taken over charge of the Consulate-General from Mr. von Zeppelin Obermuller, with effect from June 8.

Road Extensions and Widenings.

Fokien and Tientsin Roads.—The claim of Messrs. Scott, Christie & Johnson in respect to the portion of Cadastral lot 351, required for the widening of these roads, is authorized for acceptance in terms of the following correspondence:—

Shanghai, May 14, 1909.

Dear Sir,—With reference to your letter of April 13, covering plan showing the land required to be surrendered from Cadastral lot 351 for the purpose of widening the Fokien and Tientsin Roads, we are instructed by the owner to inform you that if required to surrender the strips in question he will require compensation at the assessed value together with 10 per cent for compulsory sale.

The claim will thus be Mow 0.083 at Tls. 22,000 per mow .....Tls.	1,826
10 per cent for compulsory sale	182
Tls.	2,008

Yours faithfully,
Scott, Christie & Johnson.

C. Mayne, Esq.,
Municipal Engineer.

Council Room,
Shanghai, May 28, 1909.

Gentlemen,—I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of May 14 on the subject of the widening of the Fokien and Tientsin Roads ex Cadastral lot 351.

In reply thereto I am to state that your claim for compensation is accepted in so far as it relates to the strip required for the former of these roads.

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I am, however, to point out that the width of the Tientsin Road is less than 30 feet, and, in accordance with the policy customarily pursued by the Council in similar improvements in native localities, I am to request your assent to a deduction of one-third for betterment from this portion of your claim. It will be within your recollection that a similar deduction was made in connexion with the surrender of the strip required from Cadastral lot 381 for the widening of the Kiukiang Road, the correspondence in which will be found on p. 160 of the Annual Report for 1908.

The compensation in the present case would, if you accede to the Council's request, work out as follows :—

	Tls.
Mow 0.083 at Tls. 22,000 per mow.....	1,826
Plus 10 per cent.....	182
	2,008
Less 1/3 in respect to Mow 0.024 required for Tientsin Road.....	193
Tls.	1,815

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

MESSRS. SCOTT, CHRISTIE & JOHNSON.

Shanghai, June 8, 1909.

DEAR SIR,—In reply to yours of the 28th ultimo, we are authorized by the owner of Cadastral lot 351 Central to agree to the modification in the terms of surrender proposed by the Council.

The sum payable as compensation will, therefore, per your letter, amount to Tls. 1,815.

Yours faithfully,

SCOTT, CHRISTIE & JOHNSON.

W. E. LEVESON, Esq.,
Secretary, Municipal Council.

North Soochow Road.—For the improvement of the line of this road ex Cadastral lot 808, the offer of Mr. H. J. Such is accepted for the surrender of a portion of the lot measuring Mow 0.007 at the assessed value Tls. 18,000 per mow, plus ten per cent for compulsory surrender and less one-third for betterment, or a total sum of Tls. 92.40.

Public School for Chinese.

The minutes of the meeting of the School Committee of June 1, are read and confirmed. There were present:—

Rev. A. J. Walker (*Chairman*)
Messrs. J. C. Ferguson
Shen Tun-ho
The Headmaster and
Assistant Secretary.

Attendance.—From a memorandum submitted it is noted that the average attendance during April has been 403 and during May, 401.

Staff.—A report by the Headmaster is submitted on the subject of successive resignations of Chinese teachers of English, to the effect that it is advisable to make no new appointment but to make use of the occasional aid of pupil teachers until the foreign staff can be increased. He recommends the engagement of a foreign master, to arrive in September, in addition to that authorized in the Budget, alluding to the fact that the Financial Statement for the first quarter of the current year shows a credit balance of Tls. 783 from the receipt of fees. After full discussion it is decided to fill the vacancy on the Chinese staff at the beginning of next term, confining further increase or change strictly to the provisions of the Budget; and accordingly forthwith to arrange for the appointment of the fourth assistant master to begin duty at the end of September. It is decided in the first place to advertise locally for applications, which will be received up to June 30, and, in the event of failure to obtain suitable applications, to invite Mr. C. S. Addis, to perform the work of selection as usual, with the co-operation of Mr. A. J. H. Moule, who is acquainted with the needs of the School.

Summer Vacation.—The Committee confirms the amendment of the dates laid down in the prospectus as decided at the end of last year, involving a curtailment of the vacation by one week, and it is noted that thereunder the School will close on July 16 and re-open on August 30.

Tenders.

For the erection of the new Sinza Fire Station, the estimated cost of which is Tls. 43,000 and the Budget appropriation for this year, is Tls. 23,000, the tender of Sah Jin-kee Tls. 25,540 is authorized for acceptance with extras amounting to Tls. 13,770, as follows :—

Contractor's tender	Tls. 25,540
Concrete work	3,970
Yard paving	1,200
Light and Water	2,500
Locks and Fitting	2,400
Steelwork	3,700
	Tls. 39,310

The following tenders were also received :—

Sing Woo-kee	Tls. 39,750
Chang Yue-tai	31,800
Joe Ming-kee	28,457
Sing Tai	27,500
New Building & Construction Co.	27,339
Chun Sung-kee	26,885
Kiang Yu-kee	26,700
Zee Zung-tai	26,100

One irregular tender was also received.

The meeting adjourns at 6.30 p.m.

Public Band.

The performances during next week will (weather permitting) be as follows :

Mon.	June 21,	5 p.m.	Public Garden
Tues.	„ 22,	5 „	Hongkew Recreation Ground
Wed.	„ 23,	5 „	Public Garden
Thurs.	„ 24,	5 „	Public Garden
Fri.	„ 25,	5 „	Hongkew Recreation Ground
Sat.	„ 26,	4 „	Public Recreation Ground

Private Services.—The charge for the services of the Band is Tls. 40, and of a Half-Band, consisting of not less than 3 European and 12 Manila musicians, Tls. 25, per hour or part of an hour.

The services of a smaller number of musicians may be engaged at the rate of Tls. 3 per hour for European, and Tls. 1.50 per hour for Manila musicians. In a group numbering less than half the Band an extra fee of Tls. 1.50 per hour is charged for the services of the piano-player.

One rehearsal is permitted without fee, all subsequent rehearsals are charged for at half of the above rates.

For the services of a soloist an additional fee of Tls. 25 is charged, inclusive of such rehearsals as are necessary.

If special music is required special arrangements must be made.

Engagements for more than three preformances during a season are subject to a reduction of 20 per cent, for more than twelve performances, 40 per cent.

For Sunday performances, or service involving marching through the streets double rates are charged.

24 hours' notice is required for the cancellation of any engagement.

The cost of conveyance of musicians for a distance beyond a radius of 1 mile from the Municipal offices, Kiangse Road, must be defrayed by the persons engaging them.

The European musicians are allowed to give private music lessons, with the Conductor's permission obtained in each case.

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Notification of Infectious Disease.

The following have been reported during the week ending Sunday, June 13, 1909.	Death among Chinese population of 550,000	Cases notified among Non-Chinese population of 15,000.
Small-pox.	1	0
Cholera.	0	0
Typhoid Fever	—	2
Diphtheria.	0	0
Scarlet Fever.	0	0
Tuberculosis	16	0
Plague	0	0
Total Deaths from all Causes	138	3

ARTHUR STANLEY,
Health Officer.

Summary of Plague Prevention Work during the week ending June 13, 1909.

	District				Total
	Eastern	Northern	Central	Western	
Rats found dead and brought to the Laboratory for examination.....	88	177	92	26	383
Rats plague infected	0	0	0	0	0
No. of traps in operation.....	1308	1130	481	400	3319
No. of rats trapped and burnt.....	711	421	60	172	1364
Poisoned baits laid..	0	95900	0	0	95900
Houses temporarily rat-proofed and disinfected under notice to occupiers	171	223	0	0	394
Houses rat-proofed under notice to owners	0	0	0	0	0
Persons vaccinated against plague.....	0	0	0	0	0

ARTHUR STANLEY,
Health Officer.

Municipal Laboratory.

Analysis and tests will be made for the public as follows:—

1.—The right is reserved of refusing samples which may not be of sufficient public importance to warrant analysis.

2.—Where purity of food is in question, which may influence Public Health, analysis may, at the discretion of the Health Officer, be undertaken at a nominal fee.

3.—The locality from which samples come must be clearly described.

4.—Crushed samples will not be received for analysis.

5.—All samples analysed will remain the property of the Council.

6.—The Council will not recognize any claims arising from results of analysis.

SCALE OF FEES.

	Tls.
Water (chemical and bacterial):	50
Milk.	5
Butter.	30
Liquors.	40
Minerals, alloys, metals, etc.:	
Qualitative test for one constituent	10
Qualitative analysis complete	25
Quantitative analysis: each constituent	35
Coal:	
General analysis	35
Calorific value	15
Petrol, benzine, kerosene, lubricating and other oils:	
General analysis	50
Flash point only	5
Building materials: cement, mortar, lime, etc.:	
Chemical and physical tests as to quality	50
Toxicological examinations:	
Qualitative	50
Quantitative	100

Fees for other examinations and any further information can be obtained on application to the Health Office.

Quantities which should be submitted for analysis:—

Milk and Liquors, 1 pint
Butter, 1 pound
Water, 1 gallon

When bacterial examination is required water should be sent packed in ice except in very cold weather.

Departmental Report of the Acting Superintendent of Parks and Open Spaces to the Municipal Engineer for May.

The work of the month has been a continual round of sweeping, cleaning and watering, owing to the drought which has been the main cause of leaves dropping from the trees and has accelerated the flowering period of many of our favourite spring flowers.

Public Garden.—The Garden has presented a gay appearance in spite of the dry weather and the flower borders and beds have been full of colour. In the beginning of this month the bulbous flowers such as tulips, narcissus and hyacinths were at their best, and were followed by a profusion of roses, both standard and climbing. The beds of bulbs have rather a dilapidated appearance at present owing to the ripening of the bulbs which will shortly be removed, when other summer plants will take their place.

Reserve Garden.—The chief attraction in the houses has been a good display of gloxinias, together with a few carnations, fuchsias and pelargoniums. Mention must also be made of a good specimen of the well-known orchid Dendrobium Nobile, this plant has been flowering continuously for the last two months and has borne altogether over eighty flowers. The native orchid known as the Cymbidium has also been quite up to its usual standard, though these native orchids by reason of their dull coloured flowers do not attract much attention.

Public Recreation Ground. — The lawns have been mown, weeded and rolled, continually, but without much effect owing to the very dry weather. The flower beds have been gay with their carpet of spring flowers and bulbs, of which the most effective and well-known is the ordinary Mysotis (Forget-me-not), both pink and blue. The beds are now being planted with the usual summer flowers, Balsams, Asters, Celosia, Plumbago, etc.

Hongkew Recreation Ground.—The new Park is certainly the centre of attraction for Hongkew and bids fair to equal the popularity of the Public Recreation Ground. Owing to the drought the turf has suffered severely especially that recently laid down. The beds and borders have been bright with flowers and the rose-garden has been a profusion of roses. Work is proceeding with the new golf greens and by the autumn they should be in condition to play upon. The area set aside for children seems quite an attraction to the smaller members of the community.

Nurseries.—Work in the nurseries has been chiefly weeding, staking, tying up young trees, sowing seeds, potting young plants and watering.

Road side Trees.—The work of staking and tying up young trees has been pushed on rapidly during the month.

Much useful work has been done in locating the tree-boring grub which at this time of the year, when the sap is flowing, is particularly active and works its way through the bark.

The principal work on the roads in and near the Settlement has been the removing of privet blossom. The following roads have been inspected and the flowers removed by a special gang of coolies: — Sinza, Bubbling Well, Carter, Markham and Jessfield Roads, and all through the Eastern, Central and Western Districts the work is still going on.

Lawns.—The lawns have been mown, weeded and rolled at: Quinsan Square, Cathedral and Council Compounds, Bund Foreshore, Victoria Nursing Home, Municipal Hospital, Connaught Road Police Depôt, Rifle Range, Hart Road Carriage Turn, Chinese Public School, Sinza, Louza, Bubbling Well and Harbin Road Police Stations.

J. GILES,
Acting-Superintendent.

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Report of Captain-Superintendent of Police for May.

Strength of the Force on May 31, 1909.

Officers	8
Foreigners	217
Sikhs	545
Chinese	953
Clerical and Teaching Staff ...	44
Supernumeraries ...	91
Total ...	1,858

Fires.—37 fires were reported during May out of which number 27 were extinguished by the inmates or the Police, and the remainder by the Fire Brigade. There is little doubt that the severe nature of some of these fires was due to the state in which the prolonged drought of last month had left native wooden houses. In such cases the very inflammable material of which these houses are built is even more dangerous than usual. The following is a summary of the origin of the 27 fires alluded to above :—

	Cases.
Attempted arson by outsiders.....	2
Sparks from stoves	3
Lamps being carelessly placed in a position where something which could easily catch fire was caught by the flame.....	3
Sparks from chimneys settling on the roofs and setting fire to adjacent hou es	4
Burning matches and cigarettes having been dropped by servants on inflammable material	7
Sparks from kitchen stoves setting on fire straw which was stored in dangerous proximity	4
Kerosine lamp falling and exploding.....	1
Table lamp upset by a servant.....	1
Defective flue in chimney.....	1
Sparks from a hammer falling in the vicinity of a newly-opened kerosine tin	1

The question of adequate appliances for coping with fires at cinematographs and other shows requires careful attention, owing to the fact that such places of amusement are spreading all over the Settlement. Preventive measures in the shape of fire buckets, hand-grenades, or water stored in suitable receptacles should be part of the outfit of every such establishment. It is necessary for the sake of the public that every possible precaution be at hand to stifle an outbreak at once.

Convicts Recaptured.—Two of the convicts who escaped from the P.W.D. stonebreaking depôt early in May were recaptured in the country near Socchow on the 21st ultimo by creditable work on the part of two Municipal detectives.

Beggars.—The attention of the public is again called to the inadvisability of giving aid of any kind to beggar childrer. Boys of this stamp form a large criminal class of their own. Living in the numerous beggar huts and boats which frequent the creeks, these boys are sent out by their parents to pick up whatever they can by day or night. In many cases such boys are trained purposely for criminal pursuits, and the only method of dealing with them satisfactorily after conviction is to send them to the reformatory portion of the Gaol, where under adequate control, if a sufficiently long period of incarceration be given them, efforts are made to turn them from crime into honest paths.

Unemployed Foreigners.—The number of cases of unemployed would come as an unpleasant surprise to many people. Among them a large majority might be classed as "unemployable." Not in every case because they cannot find employment, but because some find it easier to loaf and to live on charity or on friends who in Shanghai are only too ready to support such a class.

In addition to unemployed adults there is a growing class of young lads in the Settlement, many of whom are Eurasians, who require to be strictly and constantly supervised in order to keep them out of mischief, and I regret to say at times out of crime. A number of such lads have recently been before Police Courts for larceny and for obtaining goods from storekeepers by false pretences. What steps are to be taken to cope with these lads and give them a chance of leading a respectable life by obtaining employment is not a matter for the Police but for this Community to decide upon.

Gambling Outside Limits.—Reference has previously been made in many monthly reports to the gambling carried on under the protection of the Paoshan Police in the neighbourhood of Li Hongkew. During the greater part of May a large gambling depôt has been in operation just across the border at a point near where the Tongshan Road leaves the Settlement. This gambling depôt is within a few hundred yards of one of the Paoshan Police Stations. So open have these gamblers become, owing to the non-interference on the part of the Chinese Police, that they actually send their touts to importune passengers travelling by tramcar on the Seward Road.

Armed robberies in the Yangtszepoo district can be traced in no small extent to the proximity of this gambling depôt immediately north of the border of our Settlement.

Native Press.—At the end of April certain articles were published in the native Press, which if allowed to pass without comment are likely to lead in the not distant future to serious trouble. The question of the suppression and control of a native Press is a constant difficulty to all civilized administrations in the East, and very great latitude has been considered advisable before taking steps to suppress seditious or violent denunciations. One of the articles referred to, published in the native Press of this Settlement, is extremely provocative and entirely calculated to incite Chinese to acts of violence against natives of India in Shanghai. Such articles cannot be tolerated, and a repetition of them must inevitably lead to the taking of the necessary steps to bring offenders to justice.

RETURN OF CONVICT LABOUR FOR MAY.

		Tls.
Gross value of work performed for the P.W.D.....		1,135.71
Less. Wages of artizans	Tls. 24.80	
Cost of raw materials	„ 66.09	
Sandals, ropes, and repairs to carts	„ 328.05	418.94
Total for labour	Tls.	716.77

	Tls.
Work completed in addition to that for P.W.D. Gross value	2,029.65
Less Cost of raw materials	1,181.15
Total for labour Tls.	848.50
Grand total for labour Tls.	1,565.27

Here follow tables of persons coming under the notice of the Police for criminal and other offences, punishments inflicted, prisoners in custody, vehicles licenses suspended and confiscated, dogs captured, etc., value of property stolen and recovered, and warrants and summonses.

C. D. Bruce,
Captain-Superintendent of Police.

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Return of Persons coming under the notice of Police for Criminal and other Offences.

Offences.	Foreigners	Natives	Total
(a) OFFENCES AGAINST THE PERSON :—			
Murder		9	9
Attempted suicide		3	3
Cutting and wounding		2	2
Assault	3	80	83
Rape	2		2
Kidnapping		29	29
Cruelty to or trafficking in women or children		14	14
Bringing false charges		3	3
Libel		2	2
Unnatural offence	1		1
Threatening with a revolver	1		1
(b) OFFENCES AGAINST RIGHTS OF PROPERTY :—			
Robbery	2	1	3
Embezzlement		4	4
Extortion		20	20
Burglary		12	12
Housebreaking		10	10
Obtaining goods or money by false pretences		13	13
Fraud		5	5
Receiving stolen property		21	21
Unlawful possession		49	49
Arson		2	2
Malicious injury		5	5
Larceny	4	339	343
Civil Offences :—Debt		46	46
Breach of contract		7	7
Others		7	7
Criminal negligence (fires)		3	3
Trespass		9	9
Unlawful detention of property		2	2
Unlawful disposition of property		2	2
(c) ACTS INJURIOUS TO THE PUBLIC :—			
Common nuisances		1,306	1,306
Vagrancy	1	120	121
Returning after expulsion		24	24
Disorderly and improper conduct	15	219	234
Soliciting prostitution		71	71
Depositing garbage		69	69
Traffic :—Furious driving		32	32
Obstruction		1,417	1,417
Cruelty to animals		1	1
Selling lottery tickets		1	1
Excessive storage of straw		3	3
Public gambling		13	13
Illegal arrest or detention		2	2
Insanitary premises		27	27
Publishing and selling indecent pictures		8	8
Intimidation	1	1	1
Miscellaneous		42	42
Evading license:—Liquor	1		1
Wine shop		2	2
Breach of license conditions:—Building		1	1
Dog	8	4	12
Dairy		3	3
Lodging-house		5	5
Opium-shop		5	5
Tea-shop		4	4
Wine-shop		5	5
(d) NOT CHARGED :—			
Beggars, Hawkers, Ragpickers		3,360	3,360
Others	35	506	541
Total	74	7,949	9,023

Return of Sentences etc.

Sentences, Decisions etc.	Foreigners	Natives	Total
Imprisonment	11	449	460
Cangue		8	8
Expulsion or deportation	1	3	4
Fined	14	332	346
Imprisonment and cangue		10	10
" " expulsion		87	87
" " fined		4	4
" cangue and expulsion		4	4
Bail forfeited		2,785	2,785
Remanded	7	3	10
Cautioned		42	42
Dismissed	1	87	88
Released on Security		54	54
Left to Court		41	41
Handed to parents or guardians		20	20
Sent to Reformatory		9	9
" Slave Girls' Refuge		1	1
" Sinza Refuge		108	108
" Door of Hope		8	8
" Native Authorities		15	15
Charge withdrawn	1	6	7
Sent to French Authorities		2	2
License recommended to be cancelled		1	1
To remove buildings		1	1
Absconded		1	1
Appeared as witnesses		2	2
To be sent on board ship for trial and punishment.	4		4
Total	39	4,083	4,122

Prisoners in Custody on May 31, 1909.

Central Station	44
Louza Station	57
Hongkew Station	62
West Hongkew Station	24
Harbin Road Sub-Station	6
Wayside Station	35
Gaol	921
Yangtszepoo Station	23
Sinza Station	37
Bubbling Well Station	14
Total	1,223

Vehicle Licenses.

	Suspended	Confiscated
Ricsha	1,231	1,861
Wheelbarrow	2	—
Handcart	—	—
Total	1,233	1,861

Value of Property Stolen between May 1 and May 28, 1909.

	Dollars
Stolen	20,426.08
Recovered	14,430.66

Warrants and Summonses.

	Issued	Executed or Served
Warrants	48	14
Summonses	212	154

Dogs.

At Kennels April 30, 09	19	165
Captured	146	
Returned	11	165
At Observation Kennels	2	
Killed	133	
Remaining at Kennels	19	

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MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION.

No. 1953.

THE Council is prepared to receive tenders for the annual supply of PORTLAND CEMENT in such quantities as may be required.

Specifications may be seen, and all necessary information obtained, upon application at the Public Works Office, Hankow Road, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Sealed tenders will be received by the undersigned not later than noon on Saturday, June 26, 1909, and should be marked "Tender for Portland Cement."

The Council does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender, or to pay any expenses which the contractor may incur in tendering. The contractor whose tender is eventually accepted will be required to give satisfactory security for the due performance of the contract.

The names of tenderers, with the prices quoted, will be published for general information.

By order,

W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

Council Room,
Shanghai, March 10, 1909.

MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION.

No. 1972.

PUBLIC SCHOOL FOR CHINESE.

THE Council is prepared to receive applications for the post of Foreign Assistant Master in the Public School for Chinese. Preference will be given to applicants holding a first-class Government certificate, specially qualified in Mathematics, having experience in secondary schools, or with knowledge of Chinese. Salary, Tls. 125, Tls. 150 and Tls. 175 per mensem during the three years of an agreement, with quarters or an allowance in lieu.

Applications in candidates' own handwriting should state age, qualifications, etc., and must be sent to the undersigned not later than June 30, 1909.

By order,

J. B. A. MACKINNON,
Assistant Secretary.

Council Room,
Shanghai, June 14, 1909

MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION.

No. 1973.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Transfer Books of the Municipal Loans will be closed from June 20, to June 30, both days inclusive.

By order,

J. B. A. MACKINNON,
Assistant Secretary.

Council Room,
Shanghai, June 16, 1909.

MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION.

No. 1974.

VICTORIA NURSING HOME.

PROBATIONERS are required for the Home, who will devote themselves, during a period of training of three years, to the attainment of a knowledge of NURSING.

Particulars may be obtained from, and applications should be made to, the Matron at the Home.

By order,

J. B. A. MACKINNON,
Assistant Secretary.

Council Room,
Shanghai, June 21, 1909.

MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION.

No. 1975.

MATERIAL FOR CONVICTS' CLOTHING.

THE Council is prepared to accept tenders for the immediate supply of 450 pieces of American Drills, required for the manufacture of convicts' clothing.

Further particulars and all necessary information may be obtained upon application at the Gaol, Ward Road (Telephone No. 722), between the hours of 10 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Tenders should be forwarded to the undersigned not later than noon on Wednesday, June 30, and should be marked "Tender for Material for Convicts' Clothing."

The Council does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender.

By order,

J. B. A. MACKINNON,
Assistant Secretary.

Council Room,
Shanghai, June 21, 1909.

AT the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, June 16, 1909, at 4.30 p.m., there are present:

Messrs. D. Landale (*Chairman*)
H. De Gray
F. C. Heffer
W. D. Little
H. A. J. Macray
O. Meuser
W. A. C. Platt
J. Prentice
T. E. Trueman and
The Assistant Secretary.

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

The minutes of the last meeting are read, confirmed, signed by the Chairman and passed for publication.

Volunteers.

Chinese Company.—Upon the recommendation of the Commandant five months' leave is granted to Captain L. J. Cubitt with effect from June 10.

Engineer Company.—A report by the Commandant is submitted with reference to the formation of the Company, which has now been completed, to the effect that the membership already numbers 39, and is in course of rapid increase. At his recommendation the issue of a commission as Lieutenant to Mr. C. H. Godfrey in command of this unit is authorized.

Police.

Foreign Branch.—Six months' leave of absence is granted to 2nd Assistant Superintendent Fenton with effect from July 31.

The resignation of Sergeant Russell is accepted with effect from June 15.

The following promotions are authorized:—

To be 2nd Class Sergeants with effect from June 1:—

W. Alton
J. Campbell
J. Coll
T. Kerrigan
C. Maguire
J. Shaw
M. Smyth
S. C. Young.

To be 2nd Class Constables with effect from June 13:—

A. J. Emery
W. E. Fairbairn
J. Gibson
G. McDonald
A. M. Mitchell.

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Native Branch.—In recognition of good service performed during eleven years by the late native Detective-Sergeant No. 11, payment of the fees and expenses of his son at the Public School for Chinese, $50 per annum, is authorized for issue during two years.

Land Commission.

The following correspondence with the Land Commissioners in regard to Case LXI is ordered for publication. The award in this case and in cases Nos. LXV, LXVI and LXVII are submitted, and ordered for transmission to the concerned and publication as usual:—

CASE LXI.

Ferry Road, Cadastral lot 3343. Registered Owner: J. Smedley.

Shanghai, May 3, 1909.

SIR,—This case came up for hearing at a meeting of the Land Commission on April 29, and occupied the very careful attention of my colleagues and myself—we were unable, however, to make our award owing to the peculiar circumstances of the case and the hearing was adjourned to afford an opportunity of addressing the Council with a view to their reconsidering the desirability of modifying the scheduled line at this point.

I may say at the outset that the Commissioners are fully aware that the question referred to them is one of compensation for compulsory surrender of a certain piece of land, not the determining of the line which any road shall follow, but the proposed line in this instance, is, in their opinion, so opposed to public convenience and the surrender demanded is for this reason so undesirable, that they feel it to be their duty before proceeding further to urge the Council to re-open the question of a possible deviation.

I understand that the present Ferry Road south of Sinza Road was diverted from its original line because by so doing a free surrender was obtained, that I.C. Lot 78 has also been surrendered free, that Cadastral lot 3351 is liable to free surrender and that negotiations for the purchase of Cadastral lot 3350 are proceeding. In anticipation of Ferry Road to the north of Sinza Road being carried through on the scheduled line a culvert has been constructed of the full width required.

The Commissioners are of opinion that the importance of having the northern opening of the Ferry Road opposite the southern entrance cannot be too strongly emphasized, and that it would be preferable in the public interest to spend money to this end rather than in compensating a private owner for a surrender which, when obtained, would be a permanent public disadvantage.

As this question has been the subject of correspondence for the past seven years, it seems worth while to risk a slightly longer delay in an endeavour to arrive at a satisfactory settlement.

As the owner of Cadastral lot 3343 is so strenuously opposed to the present scheduled line it is suggested that he might be willing by way of compromise to take the surplus land to the east of his lot should it be found necessary to acquire the whole of Lots 3350 and 3351 in effecting the deviation.

In looking at the Ferry Road as a whole the there is on the one side the saving already effected by the free surrender of the southern portion, the further saving to be effected by not having to compensate the owner of Cadastral lot 3343 and the gain to the public by having a straight crossing. On the other side there is the cost of an additional length of culvert and the acquisition of the necessary land.

These are the points which I venture to refer to the Council for their serious consideration.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

F. ANDERSON,
Chairman.

Land Commissioners for 1909-10.

W. E. LEVESON, Esq.,
Secretary, Municipal Council.

Council Room,

Shanghai, May 24, 1909.

SIR,—I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of the letter of May 3 addressed to the Council by the Chairman of the Land Commission, in connexion with the recent hearing of Case LXI, Cadastral lot 3343, Ferry Road.

In reply thereto I am to state that the opinion and recommendation therein contained have received careful consideration, but that the Council is unwilling to adopt the suggestion of altering the scheduled line of the road In short the Council does not admit that the alleged disadvantage to the public is of such a nature as to warrant the large expenditure which even so slight a deviation would necessitate.

For it is to be observed that the acquisition of all the roadland required has been arranged with the exception of that at present in question, and that required from Cadastral lot 3350; also that the actual work of making up and metalling merely awaits the expropriation of the scheduled corner of Lot 3343. Were negotiations to be entered into with a view to the proposed deviation, these would involve treating afresh, not only with the landowners of the section between the Chukapang and the Sinza Road, but also with those immediately to the north of the Creek.

Any deviation of an existing scheduled line would give the owners concerned the same right of protest under Article VIA of the Land Regulations as is possessed by owners in the first place; and if such protest were made in the present instance, in the Council's opinion it would be unanswerable. The road was originally scheduled in a position considered best in the public interest, and its amendment to meet the wishes of Mr. Smedley's representative would have the appearance of injustice to the other owners concerned. To this I am to add that when in 1903, the Council sanctioned deviation on the south of Sinza Road all the owners directly concerned were agreeable to the change and prepared to waive any claim for compensation for the land surrendered, while the owners on the north side when approached on the subject were unwilling to sanction any change whatever, indeed they refused to discuss the matter.

In recording the Council's decision not to make any deviation in the scheduled roadline I am to add that this decision has been intimated to Mr. Smedley, or to his representatives, upon three separate occasions, in 1903, 1906 and 1908.

To any one not fully acquainted with the facts of the case the attitude of the Council in calling for the surrender of the area at present in question may appear an unduly strict one, but it cannot be too strongly emphasized that the Ferry Road has been scheduled in this position annually since January 31, 1901, and that the land was transferred to Mr. Smedley on November 18 of the same year. He thus entered into possession with the full knowledge that this particular corner was scheduled and would be excised as soon as it was determined to proceed with the road construction.

The Council, therefore, considers that no compensation is properly payable except such as is based upon the assessed value of the land with 10 per cent added and that no claim upon the ground of consequential, or any other, damage can be maintained in face of the facts. It may also be added that a plea of ignorance that the land was scheduled cannot be sustained, for the matter was thoroughly discussed upon an occasion in March 1901 when Mr. Smedley called at the office of the Public Works Department.

I am further to draw your attention to the fact that in his letter dated February 13, 1902, a copy of which is in your possession, Mr. Smedley asked for the sum of Tls. 500 in full compensation, but since this sum was calculated at a rate which included the addition of 25 per cent of the market value the Council could not agree thereto. At that date no sum was claimed by him in compensation for any alleged damage to the property, and the circumstances of the case have in no way been altered.

The Council is always willing to meet the wishes of individual landowners so far as is possible and consistent with the public interests. In

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the present case, however, there does not appear sufficient justification for embarking upon a scheme which involves foregoing the free surrender of a not inconsiderable area of land, and the opening of negotiations which must result in the payment of claims aggregating a sum far in excess of that due to Mr. Smedley, and this in return for an advantage to the public which, in the Council's opinion, is not proportionate to the means to be employed.

In conclusion I am directed to request that the Commissioners will be so good as to make an award in this case, and to assess the sum to be paid to the concerned in compensation.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

L. J. CUBITT, Esq.,
for the Land Commission.

Shanghai, June 14, 1909.

SIR,—I have to acknowledge your letter dated May 24 addressed to Mr. L. J. Cubitt in reply to Mr. F. Anderson's letter of 3rd idem.

The Council having decided to adhere to the scheduled line, the Commissioners met on 11th instant to consider the matter again, and I now beg to enclose their award.

The Commissioners assume that it is the Council's intention to publish the two letters above referred to, and they have therefore not gone into great detail in framing their award.

The Commissioners assess their fee in this case at Tls. 25 each member.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
JAMES WHITTALL,
Chairman,
Land Commissioners for 1909-10.

W. E. LEVESON, Esq.,
Secretary, Municipal Council.

AWARD.

This case came up for hearing on April 29 when Mr. E. Wheeley attended on behalf of the registered owner and the Council was represented by Mr. A. Corbett Smith (Secretariat) and Mr. C. Harpur (Public Works Department).

Evidence of both parties was taken but the Commissioners deferred making their award as they deemed it justifiable in the public interest to suggest to the Council the advisability of reconsidering the decision to adhere to the scheduled line, in order to bring the northern entrance to the Ferry Road from the Sinza Road opposite the southern entrance, in which case the present surrender would not have been necessary.

The Commissioners' point of view on this question, and the Council's reply are fully set forth in the correspondence.

The Council having confirmed their decision to adhere to the scheduled line, the Commissioners proceed to make their award.

The owner claims compensation at Tls. 500 per mow in excess of the assessed value plus 10 per cent for compulsory surrender plus Tls. 2,000 for what is termed "unnecessary damage to property" amounting in all to Tls. 2,758.45.

The Council offers compensation based on the assessed value of the land plus 10 per cent for compulsory surrender, amounting in all to Tls. 650.10.

In view of the fact that the road was scheduled at the time it was acquired by the owner, and further that this particular property is in no way affected by the change in the position of the southern entrance to the Ferry Road from the Sinza Road, it does not appear to the Commissioners that the owner's claim for compensation can justly be calculated on any other basis than the assessed value plus 10 per cent for compulsory surrender.

The Commissioners, therefore, award compensation accordingly

Mow 0.197 at Tls. 3,000 per mow	Tls. 591.00
plus 10 per cent for compulsory surrender	59.10
	Tls. 650.10

JAMES WHITTALL, GEO. W. NOËL, LESLIE J. CUBITT, } *Land Commissioners for 1909/10.*

Shanghai, June 12, 1909.

CASE LXV.

Corner of Szechuen and Sungkiang Roads. Cadastral lot 119. Central District. Registered Owner: C. Hanbury.

Mr. J. Ambrose attends on behalf of the registered owner and the Council is represented by Mr. W. E. Leveson and Mr. A. Corbett Smith (Secretariat) and Mr. C. H. Godfrey (Public Works Department).

The question at issue in this case is one of betterment only. Mr. Ambrose confirms the view of the owner stated in the correspondence that no betterment of any kind accrues to the property by reason of the widening to 30-ft., as there was ample room on the corner in any case and the whole strip is so small that betterment is out of the question.

The Council on the other hand claims a reduction of one-third for betterment resulting from the widening of the road at this point, but is willing to admit that on the corner itself the advantage is not so marked.

The strip in question is 3-ft. 5-in. at the widest part tapering to nothing, the widest part being on the corner.

The Commissioners are of opinion that the district although containing a proportion of Chinese houses, cannot be called altogether a Chinese district and the advantages to property of improving the thoroughfares by widening are beyond doubt.

In the case in point, however, a proportion of the strip surrendered is too narrow to be taken into consideration in this respect, and as the Council does not press the betterment of the portion forming the corner, rather less than half the area remains to which it can be applied.

The Commissioners therefore award compensation as follows:—

Mow 0.039 at Tls 45,000 .....Tls.	1,755.00
plus 10 per cent for compulsory surrender	175.50
	1,930.50
Less 15 per cent for betterment ..... „	289.57
Tls	1,640.93

JAMES WHITTALL, GEO. W. NOËL, LESLIE J. CUBITT, } *Land Commissioners for 1909/10.*

Shanghai, June 12, 1909.

CASE LXVI.

Shantung Road, Cadastral lot 266, Central District. Registered Owner: C. Hanbury.

Mr. J. Ambrose attends on behalf of the registered owner and the Council is represented by Mr. W. E. Leveson, Mr. A. Corbett Smith (Secretariat) and Mr. C. H. Godfrey (Public Works Department).

The strip of land surrendered tapers from 3-ft. 5-in. to nothing, and Mr. Ambrose's objection to the Council's claim for a contribution of one-third of the surrender value is based on the same grounds as in Case No. LXV which, in his opinion, is exactly similar.

In the Commissioners' opinion the difference lies in the fact that the Shantung Road is essentially a Chinese thoroughfare the whole way from the Sungkiang Road to the Nanking Road, although there are some buildings recently erected in foreign style.

The advantage to the public by straightening this portion of the road is fairly obvious, but the benefit derived by the property is extremely doubtful and the Commissioners therefore award compensation as follows:—

Mow 0.028 at Tls. 25,000... Tls.	700
plus 10% for compulsory surrender	70
Tls.	770

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Shanghai, June 12, 1909.

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CASE LXVII.

Corner of North Fokien and North Soochow Roads, Cadastral lot 212, Northern District.

Registered Owners: W. H. J. Hogg and L. Hogg.

Mr. R. N. Macleod attends on behalf of the owners and the Council is represented by Mr. W. E. Leveson and Mr. A. Corbett Smith (Secretariat) and Mr. C. H. Godfrey (Public Works Department).

The question referred is the amount of compensation due to the owners for the compulsory acquisition of an area of land measuring Mow 0.039, involving the rounding off of a corner site occupied as a wooden fronted shop in Chinese occupation by which the earning power of the property is in the owners' opinion adversely affected.

Mr. Macleod bases his claim for compensation solely on rentals obtainable since the property has been rebuilt, as compared with the rentals that would have been obtainable had the rebuilding been carried out on the original area on the same lines as before.

In support of his contention he puts in plans and a schedule of rentals certified by a local firm of architects of good standing.

The Council is prepared to forego its claim for betterment and to pay compensation based on the assessed value of the land plus 10 per cent for compulsory surrender, but contends that owing to the various circumstances connected with the development and renting of properties in Chinese occupation the basis of rental values is not a reliable one on which to make up a claim.

The owners claim based on rentals is Tls. 1,796.81 while the Council's offer based on assessed value of land plus 10 per cent is—Tls. 686.40.

The case is argued from these two points of view with the result that while the Commissioners are fully persuaded that owing to the rounding off of the corner the owner loses more than is actually represented by the value of the land surrendered, it is still not clear to them that the justice of the case would be entirely met by taking the alleged loss in rentals as the sole factor in the case.

It appears to the Commissioners that neither method by itself is satisfactory for determining the amount due, and that the case is one requiring special treatment.

Upon due deliberation they award to the owners a sum of Tls. 1,200 in full settlement.

JAMES WHITTALL,
GEO. W. NOEL,
LESLIE J. CUBITT. } *Land Commissioners for 1909/10.*

Shanghai, June 12, 1909.

Consular Body.

A letter from H. M. Consul-General informs the Council of the death of Mr. A. J. Flaherty, Vice-Consul in charge of the Land Office. In acknowledging receipt of this communication it is decided that occasion be taken to convey to H.M. Consul-General an expression of the members' sincere sympathy.

Municipal Properties.

Wayside Park.—In regard to the acquisition of an area of Mow 1.998 of unregistered land situated at the south-west corner of this property and scheduled for inclusion therein, the claim of the native owner is submitted at the rate of Tls. 2,200 per mow. In view of the fact that recent purchases of adjacent land have been effected at Tls. 1,000 per mow, this claim is regarded as excessive, and, with the consent of the owner, the case will be referred for settlement by the Land Commission.

Electricity Department.

The minutes of the meeting of the Electricity Committee of June 11 are read and confirmed. There were present:—

Messrs. E. C. Pearce (*Chairman*)
J. Grant Mackenzie
G. Wuilleumier
The Electrical Engineer and
Assistant Secretary.

The following are ordered for publication:—

Plant.—From a report by the Engineer, it is learned that by the installation of two 500 K.W. mixed pressure turbo-alternators, a surface condenser for a 500 K.W. turbine, a vacuum augmentor and sundry other plant and alterations in connexion therewith, the capacity of the existing plant at the Fearon Road station can be so materially increased as to render it possible to defer the construction of the projected riverside power house for one or two years. The following extract from the Engineer's report in explanation of this scheme is appended:—

"The programme of extensions already "settled upon provides for the building "of the new riverside power house, at an "estimated cost of some Tls. 550,000, "whenever it may be considered necessary "for the purpose of meeting the increas-"ed demands for electrical energy. The "most suitable site for this power house "has been purchased so there is no "longer any possibility of exclusion from "the river front. When this scheme "was originally decided upon, it was "anticipated that it would be necessary "to have it ready for supplying electri-"city by the winter of 1910. Until "quite recently events rather indicated "that 1911 would be soon enough, but "these calculations have been in turn "upset by the acquisition of four con-"sumers who will take between them "some 194 kilowatts. Then again, "public lighting is increasing at a satis-"factory rate with the result that the "demand on the generating station will "be increased by over 50 kilowatts for "supplying public lamps. Whilst the "normal annual increase during the past "few years has been between 250 and "300 K.W. this year it is expected to "rise by 600 K.W. or twice as much as "normally. This increase will fully load "up the Fearon Road Station with its "present plant. There is also a prospect "of obtaining two large power consumers "next year whose aggregate demand may "possibly total 500 K.W.

"At first sight then it would appear "that steps should be immediately taken "to lay down the new riverside "power house, at a capital expenditure "of about Tls. 550,000, to meet these "large power demands. The new station "is to contain plant capacity, in the first "instance, equal to 3,000 K.W. Taking "the capital, including land at Tls. "550,000, the cost per kilowatt installed "is Tls. 185 including buildings. This is "a liberal figure and I think when the "time comes to build the power house it "will be found that the cost per kilowatt "installed will work out lower. The "cost per kilowatt installed at the "Fearon Road Station Tls. 196 is higher "than the estimated cost for the new "riverside one. This figure is naturally "higher because the Fearon Road Station "was originally laid out on lines which "at the time of its erection were then "obsolete.

"Practically the whole station and its old "plant has been scrapped and the present "one has had to bear the expenses of this "wholesale replacement and reconstruc-"tion. The estimated cost per kilowatt "of the riverside station (Tls. 185) is "higher than it eventually will be when "the second instalment of plant takes "place because the building will in the "first place be made sufficiently large to "accommodate 9,000 kilowatts of plant "of which 3,000 is the first instalment.

"There must be a period after the new "power house is put into operation when "the capital charges will bear very "heavily on the department generally. "For the first year's working it will "probably have to work under uneconо-"mical conditions, consequently the drain "upon the department's financial re-"sources may for a time be not inconsi-"derable. It would seem then that if a "scheme can be evolved whereby the "demand for the next few years can be "successfully and economically met, the "undertaking will be in a much "stronger position financially when the "time arrives for proceeding with the "erection of the riverside power house.

"The proposed scheme is that the "Fearon Road Generating Station should "be utilized for a still further instalment "of 1,400 kilowatts of plant so that the

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"total capacity may be raised from 4,400 "kilowatts to 5,700 kilowatts probably "without the addition of extra boiler "plant but in any eventuality, with only "one additional boiler in 1911 (which "would fill up the last remaining space "in the boiler house).

"The 1,300 K.W. Belliss-Mather & "Platt steam alternator would be taken "out so the net increase in plant capacity "will be 1,300 kilowatts. The 600 "kilowatt Ferranti engines are not "economical as compared with the Belliss "600 K.W. sets or the steam turbines. "By installing an exaust steam turbine, "one for each Ferranti engine, the "capacity of the latter can be practically "doubled without further boiler power. "Taking the steam consumption of the "Ferranti sets at 26-lb. per kilowatt "hour condensing if they are run non-"condensing the consumption is about 30-"lb. per kilowatt hour. Now if the same "steam which has generated 600 K.W. "in the Ferranti engine is passed through "an exhaust steam turbine practically "another 600 K.W. can be got from "that same steam. It can be safely said "that 500 K.W. could be obtained and "I have allowed that rating in my "estimates. The kilowatts generated "will now be 600 + 500 = 1100. The "steam consumption (30-lb. per K.W. "hour) will be 600 × 30 = 18-000 lb. of "of steam used in the Ferranti engine: "the turbine will generate 500 K.W. "with the same steam so the output of "the two generators (Ferranti and "Turbine) will be 600 + 500 = 1100 K. "W. for 18,000-lb. steam $\frac{18000}{1100}$ = 16.4-"lb. steam per K.W. hour.

"The remarkable saving of steam and "the increased generator capacity means "that by using exhaust turbines the steam "consumption can be reduced on the "combined engines from 26-lb. to 16.4-"lb. per kilowatt hour.

"The most economical type of exhaust "turbine is the low-pressure exhaust "This type, however, should only be "employed when the continuity of supply "of exhaust steam from the reciprocating "engine is assured. In such work as "electricity supply this cannot always be "guaranteed, therefore provision must "be made for usinglive steam direct from "the boiler in case of failure, from any "cause, of the low-pressure supply from "the reciprocating engine. The mixed "pressure turbine meets the demand "as it can be worked either as a low-"pressure or a high-pressure turbine and "whilst under normal conditions it would "work as the former, it can in case of "need be worked as the latter."

"The two existing 800 K.W. turbo-"alternators are single-phase machines. "If these be converted to 2-phase "machines their output can be increased "to 1000 K.W. each or 25 per cent. "The cost of converting them would be "only about £310 for which a gain of "400 kilowatts would result. It will be "remembered that the new riverside "station is to operate on the 2-phase "instead of the single-phase system. The "conversion of these two 800 K.W. sets "from single to 2-phase and the addition "of two 500 K.W. exhaust turbines will "give a plant capacity of 3000 kilowatts "in the Fearon Road Station. As "power developments on a larger scale "than heretofore are expected in the near "future a substantial capacity of 2-phase "plant in the station will be exceedingly "useful in dealing with the power supply "development.

"Briefly the suggestions made are—

"To lay down two 500-600 K.W. "mixed pressure exhaust turbines with "2-phase alternators.

"To provide condensing plant for one "exhaust turbine.

"To remove and re-erect the Allen "surface condenser now used in conjunc-"tion with No. 4 Ferranti engine and "by the addition of a vacuum augmentor "make it suitable for dealing with the "exhaust steam from the other exhaust "turbine.

"To convert Nos. 6 and 7 alternators "for 2-phase operation next summer as "soon as the exhaust turbines are "erected and in operation. To connect "the existing condensing plant from "steam to electric drive and make "sundry re-arrangements to the circu-"lating water pipework to overcome "certain suction troubles at low tide.

"To provide necessary switchgear for "the two exhaust turbo-alternators; and, "to alter the switchgear controlling "alternators 6 and 7 to suit 2-phase "conditions.

"It is expected that if these recom-"mendations are accepted the building of "the riverside station can be delayed "until 1912 or 1913.

"The estimated cost of the exhaust "plant and alterations to existing plant "is Tls. 88,000 say Tls. 90,000.

"For an expenditure of Tls. 90,000 a "gain of *1,400 K.W.* plant capacity can "be obtained and a working capacity of "1,000 K.W. at a capital cost of only "Tls. 64 per kilowatt.

"The existing plant capacity (1909) "is 4,400 K.W. and the capital ex-"pended on plant excluding buildings "Tls. 636,567.

"Thus $\frac{636,567}{4,400}$ = Tls. 144 per K. W.

"From this it is seen that the extra "1,400 K. W. can be obtained for Tls. "64 per kilowatt as against Tls. 144.

"If the riverside power house were "running by the winter of 1910 interest "on capital cost, including land, of Tls. "550,000 would be:—

1910—6% for 6 months	Tls 16,500
1911—6 „ 12 „	33,000
1912—6 „ 12 „	33,000
1913—6 „ 12 „	33,000
	Tls. 115,000

"and depreciation for

1912—300,000 at 7% =	Tls. 21,000
250,000 at 3% =	7,500
	28,500
1913 do.	28,500
	Tls. 57,000
Therefore total for Interest and Depreciation amounts to	Tls. 172,500

"The scheme of increasing the Fearon "Road Station is estimated at Tls. 90,000. "Capitalised the cost over the four years "1910-1913 would be as follows:—

1910	Interest at 6 % on 90,000 for 8 months	Tls.	3,600
1911	„ „ 6 „ „ 90,000 „ 12 „	„	5,400
1912	„ „ 6 „ „ 90,000 „ 12 „	„	5,400
1913	„ „ 6 „ „ 90,000 „ 12 „	„	5,400
	and depreciation at 7 % on Tls. 90,000	Tls.	19,800
1911		Tls.	6,300
1912		„	6,300
1913		„	6,300
		Tls.	10,900
Interest	Tls 19,300		
Depreciation	18,900		
	Tls. 38,700	Represents extra capital charges on existing capital.	

"The riverside power "house capital costs 1910-"1913 are ... ... Tls. 172,500

"The Fearon Road "Station *extra* capital "costs 1910-1913 are ... Tls. 38,700

Difference Tls. 133.800

"If this difference be specially set "aside in four years there will be a sum "accumulated of Tls. 133,800 for reserve, "replacement of obsolete plant, or to "meet possible losses incurred in the first "year or two working the new power "house. If an amount be annually set "aside which in four years would aggre-"gate the sum mentioned a useful reserve "could thus be built up. It may be "found in practice that a smaller annual "contribution to this suggested reserve "fund will meet the case. It would "perhaps seem a sound policy to invest "the money in outside securities and so "make it more productive. I strongly "recommend the creation of a reserve of "some kind to provide in some measure "against contingencies which may arise "in connexion with the department's "large extensions in the next few years.

"In conclusion I would point out that "the recommendation contained in this "Report in nowise alters the policy of "eventually building the new riverside "power house; it makes possible a post-"ponement without sacrificing efficiency "of operation; and, it should put the "undertaking in a sounder and better "position financially."

T. H. U. ALDRIDGE,

Electrical Engineer.

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These proposals, after receiving careful consideration at the hands of the Committee, are approved and it is directed that plans and specifications be prepared and forwarded to Messrs. Preece & Cardew who will be instructed to call for tenders for the necessary plant. The cost of the scheme is estimated at £10,406, and provision therefor will be made in the Budget for 1910.

In connexion with an offer of sale of a second hand *50 H.P. motor* for Tls. 1,300 by Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ld, the Engineer reports that a large power consumer has been secured who requires such a motor, that it would be more advantageous to the Department to purchase and hire it direct, and further that it would form a valuable addition to stock. From figures submitted the price appears reasonable and the purchase is approved.

Four tenders, obtained through Messrs. Preece & Cardew, are submitted, for the supply and erection of a *Storage Battery*, for which there is a Budget appropriation of £5,000. In a detailed report thereon the Engineer recommends the acceptance by telegram of that of the Chloride Co., at £3,864-17-6 f.o.b. less £240 included for acid which will be purchased locally. It is noted that the particular booster system which is a feature of this make, has considerable superiority over others, especially in connexion with the Tramway load. Other tenders received were:—

The Tudor Co.....	£3,508
Electrical Power Storage Co., Ld.	3,295
D.P. Battery Co., Ld.	3,846

Lubricating Oil.—In view of the Engineer's favourable report upon the oils supplied under the existing contract, its renewal is authorized for a further period of one year, at prices stated hereunder without calling for tenders.

M. Engine Oil.. ....Tl.	.774	per Imp. gal.	nett.
Extra Hecla Cylinder Oil B.	1.44	,, ,,	less 10%
Crank Chamber Oil	.774	,, ,,	,, 5%
Vacuum Machine Oil	.60	,, ,,	,, 15%
Gear Grease	.10	per lb.	less 10%

Indents.—No. 790 upon the London Agents for copper wire at a cost of £289:2:8 is submitted and approved.

Tenders.

The following are authorized for acceptance:—

1.—Re-painting the Shanghai Public School, Wong Chin-kee, Tls. 425.

2.—Erection of Overseers' Office at the Hart Road Depôt, Chun Ming-kee, Tls. 350, with Tls. 100 extra for concrete foundations.

The meeting adjourns at 6.25 p.m.

Public Band.

The performances during next week will (weather permitting) be as follows:

Mon.	June 28, 5 p.m.	Public Garden	
Tues.	,, 29, 5 ,,	Hongkew Recreation Ground	
Wed.	,, 30, 5 ,,	Public Garden	
Thurs.	July 1, 5 ,,	Public Garden	
Fri.	,, 2, 5 ,,	Hongkew Recreation Ground	
Sat	,, 3, 3.30 ,,	Public Recreation Groun	

Private Services.—The charge for the services of the Band is Tls. 40, and of a Half-Band, consisting of not less than 3 European and 12 Manila musicians, Tls. 25, per hour or part of an hour.

The services of a smaller number of musicians may be engaged at the rate of Tls. 3 per hour for European, and Tls. 1.50 per hour for Manila musicians. In a group numbering less than half the Band an extra fee of Tls. 1.50 per hour is charged for the services of the piano-player.

One rehearsal is permitted without fee, all subsequent rehearsals are charged for at half of the above rates.

For the services of a soloist an additional fee of Tls. 25 is charged, inclusive of such rehearsals as are necessary.

If special music is required special arrangements must be made.

Engagements for more than three performances during a season are subject to a reduction of 20 per cent, for more than twelve performances, 40 per cent.

For Sunday performances, or service involving marching through the streets double rates are charged.

24 hours' notice is required for the cancellation of any engagement.

The cost of conveyance of musicians for a distance beyond a radius of 1 mile from the Municipal offices, Kiangse Road, must be defrayed by the persons engaging them.

The European musicians are allowed to give private music lessons, with the Conductor's permission obtained in each case.

Notification of Infectious Disease.

The following have been reported during the week ending Sunday, June 20, 1909.	Death among Chinese population of 550,000	Cases notified among Non-Chinese population of 15,000.
Small-pox.	1	0
Cholera.	0	0
Typhoid Fever	1	0
Diphtheria.	—	0
Scarlet Fever.	0	0
Tuberculosis	0	0
Plague	0	0
Total Deaths from all Causes	126	5

ARTHUR STANLEY,
Health Officer.

Summary of Plague Prevention Work

during the week ending June 20, 1909.

	District — Eastern	Northern	Central	Western	Total
Rats found dead and brought to the Laboratory for examination.....	70	155	137	27	389
Rats plague infected	0	0	0	0	0
No. of traps in operation.....	1900	1110	890	400	4300
No. of rats trapped and burnt.....	523	380	143	214	1260
Poisoned baits laid..	0	99200	0	0	99200
Houses temporarily rat-proofed and disinfected under notice to occupiers	164	225	0	0	389
Houses rat-proofed under notice to owners	0	0	0	0	0
Persons vaccinated against plague.....	0	0	0	0	0

ARTHUR STANLEY,
Health Officer.

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Summary of Revenue for May.

Description	Estimate	1909			1908			1907		
		Number	Amount	Total from January 1.	Number	Amount	Total from January 1.	Number	Amount	Total from January 1.
	Tls.		Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.		Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.		Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.
LAND TAX	685,400	—	96,192.86	319,814.74	—	220,219.82	261,291.68	—	31,869.21	187,426.73
GENERAL MUNICIPAL RATE—										
Foreign	499,800	—	62,702.41	183,482.62	—	43,688.62	132,657.84	—	44,422.28	134,310.56
Native	650,400	—	51,035.29	311,539.25	—	55,279.68	250,114.75	—	45,411.52	236,943.85
WHARFAGE DUES	160,000	—	—	40,019.83	—	—	38,529.32	—	—	44,496.99
LICENSE FEES—										
Foreign Hotel and Tavern	6,500	2	54.67	3,520.01	2	82.00	2,865.75	6	89.00	2,752.50
Foreign Liquor Seller	18,000	4	133.34	8,640.00	2	26.68	9,189.70	11	192.74	9,399.41
Restaurant	4,700	2	45.00	2,145.00	2	35.00	2,360.00	—	—	2,390.00
Billiard and Bowling Saloon	700	—	—	282.00	1	6.00	347.50	1	5.00	329.00
Native Club	4,000	—	—	800.00	—	—	—	—	—	—
Native Lodging-house	6,600	—	—	3,558.00	9	37.00	3,058.23	6	14.00	2,345 60
Native wine-shop	16,000	268	893.00	6,424.00	206	921.50	4,567.46	15	25.64	3,763.67
Tea-shop	7,500	579	742.00	3,101.46	553	457.99	2,327.44	509	434.84	2,210.82
Foreign Theatre	1,800	38	546.00	1,539.00	12	142.00	918.00	14	112.00	559.35
Native Theatre	3,600	22	333.00	1,765.00	21	336.00	1,398.00	22	237.00	1,126.50
Pawn-shop	17,000	224	4,038 71	8,537.25	204	4,499.84	9,154.52	—	—	4,906.60
Opium-shop	17,000	168	1,908.50	6,345.95	91	358.98	1,758.31	88	349.87	1,879.27
Opium-house	35,000	627	5,801.50	18,154.42	1,390	4,682.25	23,387.14	1,604	5,104.36	26,210 43
Cargo Boat	5,800	822	435.85	2,094.67	755	425 05	2,121.99	842	505.73	2,390.47
Ferry and Passenger Boat	1,100	63	92.47	449.31	67	98.19	435.60	74	109.52	520.16
Steam Launch	2,200	47	68.90	1,039.60	45	87.02	1,026.28	52	112.40	1,018.51
Native Boat	3,700	1,563	274.28	1,405.76	1,481	295.91	1,550.56	1,619	326.19	1,584.00
Sampan	1,500	195	143.18	597.12	199	146.57	647.08	270	198.78	789.93
Private-owned Pony and Carriage	14,500	P. 73 C. 70	311.96	7,717.16	P. 80 C. 64	288 84	7,013.73	C. 164 P. 146	423.60	5,956.99
Livery Stable	26,000	P. 769 C. 600	2,326.56	11,406.21	P. 763 C. 623	2,401.69	12,012.94	P. 832 C. 663	2,556.83	12,762.12
Motor Car	2,500	34	216.00	1,452.00	25	111.00	1,062.22	10	36.44	656.38
Cart	20,000	905	1,480.00	7,848.43	1,034	1,263.75	7,584.73	1,164	1,586.61	7,600.67
Private-owned Ricsha	38,000	427	900.23	19,898.98	188	387.36	16,632.90	326	456.35	15,359.09
Public Ricsha	107,000	8,619	9,489.90	47,032.90	8,160	8,919.12	45,562.56	8,481	9,338.85	45,702.35
Sedan-chair	5,200	10	22.02	2,165.34	7	17.55	2,736.40	53	116.07	2,771.50
Wheel-barrow	39,000	6,546	3,279.67	15,154.81	6,755	2,673.52	15,733.40	7,472	3,178.64	16,486.95
Firearms	2,700	1	75.00	1,200.00	6	675.00	675.00	—	—	—
Dog	1,000	134	98.62	652.22	88	64.15	695.81	126	92.74	414.06
RENT OF MUNICIPAL PROPERTIES—										
Markets	38,000	3,097	3,081.40	15,070.11	2,917	2,967.29	14,471.92	2,395	2,561.41	12,170.32
Town Hall	1,000	—	10.00	440.00	—	—	216.95	—	130.00	1,941.00
Firemen's Quarters	2,500	—	148.00	774.00	—	130.00	564.00	—	144.00	574.00
FROM PUBLIC COMPANIES—										
Gas Co., Ld.	6,000	—	486.59	2,459.04	—	493.30	2,424.75	—	—	1,340.10
Mutual Telephone Co., Ld	3,000	—	3,000.00	3,000.00	—	—	—	—	—	—
Electric Construction Co., Ld.	15,000	—	—	3,811.17	—	642.50	642.50	—	—	—
Total Tls.	2,469,700		250,366.91	1,065,337.36		352,751.07	878,231.76		150,141.62	791,089.88

A. JOHNSFORD,
Overseer of Taxes.

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AT the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, June 23, 1909, at 4.30 p.m., there are present :

Messrs. D. Landale (*Chairman*)
H. De Gray
F. C. Heffer
H. A. J. Macray
O. Meuser
T. E. Trueman and
Assistant Secretary.

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

The minutes of the last meeting are read, confirmed, signed by the Chairman and passed for publication.

Police

Foreign Branch.—The following are appointed 3rd-Class Constables, being a draft of recruits engaged through the London Agents with the assistance of Colonel A. W. A. Pollock. These men arrived on June 20 per str. Malta:—

J. H. C. Backshell
D. McInnes
J. T. Reid
T. J. Stewart.

The appointment of the following Probationary Sergeants is confirmed with effect from June 15 :—

T. Brown
J. Colter
E. L. Dawson
T. P. Givens
J. Hamilton
G. Hermitage
F. Lesley
A. Mackintosh
J. F. Prosser
J. Sullivan.

Sikh Branch.—The following are discharged, invalided from date.

Constable	No. 114,	Bhan Singh
,,	No. 160,	Bhan Singh
Warder	No. 77,	Dhan Singh

Recreation Fund.—Upon the recommendation of the Captain-Superintendent the purchase locally of a billiard table for use at the Yangtszepoo Road quarters is authorized, at a cost of Tls. 700. It is noted that the price quoted is the same as the estimated cost of the new table for Wayside Station now under order.

Plague Prevention.

Chinese Building Rules.—The report of the Special Sub-Committee appointed for the consideration of the amendments of these Rules, designed with a view to rat exclusion, is submitted, together with a report by the Health Officer regretting the curtailment of the changes contained in the Council's published proposals. The Council accepts, for the present, the approved changes and adopts the report in question, with the exception of the concluding suggestion that vacant houses be rat-proofed at the public expense. It is directed that an expression of cordial thanks be addressed to the Chairman and members of the Sub-Committee in recognition of the public service rendered :—

REPORT.

In accordance with the request of the Council dated February 15, 1909 we, the undersigned Ratepayers, have constituted ourselves into a special sub-committee for the consideration of the proposals contained in the minute on the subject of plague prevention published in the Municipal Gazette of January 14 under the heading Chinese Buildings. These proposals embody suggested alterations in the Rules with respect to new Chinese buildings, and call for the discussion of other measures which might suitably be instituted in respect to existing buildings.

The Committee has held three meetings and has also visited and inspected certain Chinese houses wherein experimental floors had been laid under the direction of the Shanghai Land Investment Co., Ld., and of the Public Works Department respectively, in accordance with the suggestions of the Health Officer as outlined in paragraph 3 of the proposed amendment of Article VIII of the "Rules with respect to new Chinese buildings."

We now have the honour to report as follows :—

ARTICLE VIII.

Paragraph 1.—In amendment of this paragraph, viz., from the words "the surface of the ground . . . the crown of the nearest road" we recommend that the following should be substituted:—"The surface of the ground of all sites on which it is proposed to erect a building shall be raised to the finished level of the back of the footpath, or where there is no existing footpath, the level of the crown of the nearest finished road."

Paragraph 2.—In amendment of the words "at least twelve inches above the finished level of the back of the footpath," we recommend the following:—"At least six inches above the finished level of the back of the footpath."

Paragraph 3.—It has been recognized that the question of the provision of solid floors to existing and future Chinese buildings is the most important with which we have had to deal, and we have given it our most careful consideration.

We are unanimously of opinion that the floors which have been experimentally constructed by the Shanghai Land Investment Co., Ld., and by the Public Works Department and which are referred to in the introduction to this report, fulfil the necessary requirements, and it has only remained therefore to determine the exact form which a rule, embodying these alterations, and determining the proportions of the materials, might conveniently take. We have now to recommend that the third paragraph of Article VIII should be amended to read as follows :—

The boarded floor of every room on the lower storey shall be laid on a bed of well-rammed tar concrete at least 3 inches in thickness to consist of one of the following mixtures, viz. :—

(*a*) Quarter inch stone chippings well mixed with 25 gallons of hot tar per fong of area 3 inches in thickness.

(*b*) Broken bricks to pass through a 1½ inch ring and cinders in equal parts by measurement well mixed with 50 gallons of hot tar per fong of area 3 inches in thickness.

(*c*) Cinders mixed with 40 gallons of hot tar per fong of area 3 inches in thickness.

The whole to be laid upon 3 inches of good lime concrete so that there shall be no space between the floor boards and the tar concrete.

Paragraph 4. (proposed).—With regard to the several structural alterations which have been herein outlined by the Health Officer and the Municipal Engineer, the Committee is of opinion :

1.—That it is inadvisable to build Chinese or other houses without *hollow ceilings*;

2.—That the question of *stair linings* is not of sufficient importance to call for a special rule :

3.—That *hollow spaces* enclosed by lath and plaster do not, as a general rule, exist ;

4.—That the cost involved in providing *solid brickwork* would be prohibitive, and also that there is no place or run for rats within hollow brickwork.

For these reasons, therefore, we are of opinion that paragraph 4 as proposed is not of sufficient importance to be included.

Paragraph 5.—We recommend that this paragraph should be adopted in an amended form, as follows :—

"Where Chinese tiles are used for the roof the curved tiles shall be laid on flat tiles placed close together."

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ARTICLE XVIII.

In the event of the adoption of the above recommendations, paragraph 3 of this Article should be deleted.

PROPOSED NEW RULE.

We have considered the proposed inclusion of a rule "that no building shall be occupied until a certificate of completion shall have been issued by the Council," and we are not prepared to recommend its adoption.

In submitting the above recommendations to the Council we desire to record the fact that the proposed measures should be regarded as of an experimental nature, and not in any way final. We are in agreement with the Health Officer in urging that some structural alterations to existing and future Chinese buildings are necessary and advisable, and, so far as can now be foreseen, are of opinion that the above proposals will sufficiently meet the case.

We would, however, urge upon the Council the necessity for the adoption of precautionary measures in the immediate future, in the event of an outbreak of plague being considered imminent, and not merely when new buildings are erected. We venture to suggest that, as existing Chinese houses fall vacant, so the Council should, at the public expense, put into force the scheme for the construction of solid floors upon lines similar to those which we have indicated.

HENRY LESTER,
Chairman.
GILBERT DAVIES
PHILIP PEEBLES, F.S.I.
J. AMBROSE
ARTHUR DALLAS

Council Room.
Shanghai, June 21, 1909.

SIR,—With reference to the Council's letter of February 15, as to the formation of a special sub-committee of 5 principal property owners for consideration of amendments in the rules with respect to Chinese buildings, with a view to rendering them rat-proof, I am directed to inform you that the report, embodying your recommendations, has been adopted.

With respect, however, to the suggestion contained in the concluding paragraph that vacant houses be rat-proofed at the public expense, I am directed to state that the Council does not at present regard this as feasible.

I have further to convey to you and to your colleagues on the sub-committee, an expression of the Council's cordial thanks for the services which you have rendered.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
J. B. A. MACKINNON,
Assistant Secretary.

H. LESTER, Esq.

Water Supply.

With regard to the Memorandum attached to the Concession Agreement with the Waterworks Company as to the supply of water for municipal purposes, which, under Clause 5 is adjustable from time to time by consent of both parties, a revised schedule is submitted, and after consideration of the various items, approved.

SCHEDULE

	Gallons
For making roads and footpaths	10,000 per day
Discharge from a hydrant with two and a half inch hose attached for the purpose of flushing drains, supplying steam fire engines, and for other Municipal purposes	250 per minute
Discharge from a hydrant with hose and seven-eights of an inch nozzle attached for extinguishing fires ...	
(i) With the water mains under pressure from the Kiangse Road Tower:—	
Central, Northern and Eastern Districts ...	112 per minute
Western District ...	103 per minute
(ii) With the water mains under pressure from the Sinza Road Tower in all Districts	125 per minute
For each watercart filled with allowance for waste	210
(A monthly return of the carts filled each day will be sent by the Council to the Company)	
For use by the five steam rollers	750 per day
For washing urinals ...	40,000 per month
(New urinals will be paid for *pro rata*)	
For washing carts	6,500 per week

Shanghai, June 15, 1909.

Registration of Architects.

The following further correspondence on this subject is ordered for publication:—

Shanghai, April 19, 1909.

SIR,—I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of April 5 concerning registration of architects, and in reply am desired by the Consular Body to confirm our previous letter on the same subject and to point out that we do not find sufficient reasons to registrate architects, registration which should create a monopoly.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,
D. SIFFERT,
Consul-General for Belgium, and Senior Consul.

D. LANDALE, Esq.,
Chairman, Municipal Council.

Council Room,
Shanghai, June 18, 1909.

SIR,—With reference to your letter of April 19, in continuation of the correspondence of the subject of the proposed registration of Architects and and Civil Engineers, I have the honour to forward, herewith, for the information of the Consular Body, copy of a letter which has been received from the Special Committee appointed for the framing of additions to the rules with respect to new Foreign Buildings in terms of the proposed amendment of Article XXX of the Land Regulations as approved at the Special Meeting of Ratepayers on March 20, 1908.

In my letter of March 31, 1908, it was explained that the change suggested has been dictated in view of the number of houses of negligent construction in the Settlement, and the Council is confident that by the enclosed collective assurance on the part of the framers of the rules all doubt which the Consular Body has entertained as to the intention and effect of the proposed measure will be removed.

I have the honour, therefore, to express the hope that the question will now receive the Consular Body's favourable consideration.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,
DAVID LANDALE,
Chairman.

D. SIFFERT, Esq.,
Consul-General for Belgium,
and Senior Consul.

ENCLOSURE.

Shanghai, May 29, 1909.

SIR,—The Committee appointed by the Council to discuss and devise a code of Rules for the Registration of Architects and Civil Engineers in Shanghai have, as requested in your letter of the 17th instant, considered the Senior Consul's letter of April 19, and the Council's minutes of April 21 and 28, and beg to state that it was not the intention of the framers of the Rules that anything in the nature of a monopoly should be established, on the contrary it was agreed that every person practising in Shanghai as an Architect or Civil Engineer at the date of the Rules coming into force should *ipso facto* be included in the list of Authorized Architects.

Throughout their deliberations the Committee have had in mind the fact that the case of an applicant for admission to the list of Authorized Architects, who produces credentials officially recognized in his own country, on being referred to the Committee would naturally be recommended to the Council for approval, and that the Council would endorse the recommendation as a matter of course.

Your obedient servants,
CHAS. H. GODFREY,
Acting Engineer and Surveyor,
Chairman.
C. BAEDEKER.
J. J. CHOLLOT.
N. E. CORNISH.
ARTHUR DALLAS.
GILBERT DAVIES.
W. M. DOWDALL.
H. KING-HILLER.
A. MARTI.
A. P. WOOD.

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It is noted that Messrs. Cornish and Davies have respectively been nominated as representatives of the Shanghai Society of Engineers and Architects in China *vice* Messrs. Simpson and Scott absent from Shanghai; Messrs. Baedecker and A. Marti also sign on behalf of Messrs. H. Becker and M. Marti respectively.

Consular Body.

Letter from Dr. Ney, Vice-Consul, for Germany is read informing the Council that he has taken over charge of the Consulate-General temporarily and during the illness of Mr. Müller.

Road Extensions and Widenings.

Peking Road.—Upon the recommendation of the Engineer, the metalling of the section of this road between the Kweichow Road and the Koo Ka Loong is authorized at an estimated cost of Tls. 1,676. The kerbs will be laid to provide for a footpath 5 feet in width, and the section in question will thus provide a clear thirty foot carriage way.

Hongkong and Szechuen Roads.—For the improvement of these roads ex Cadastral lot 17C, the claim of the China Mutual Life Insurance Co., Ld., is accepted for the surrender of an area of Mow 0.291 at the assessed value, Tls. 40,000 per mow plus 10 per cent for compulsory surrender and less one-third for betterment, a sum of Tls. 8,536.

Jehol Road.—In connexion with the drainage scheme in this neighbourhood, details of which were published in the Municipal Gazette of December 17, 1908, the Engineer reported difficulty in the acquisition of the unregistered land required for the extension of the road. His recommendation is approved that increased compensation be paid to the native owners for an area of Mow 0.6 at the rate of Tls. 1,000 per mow, the remainder Mow 0.61 being paid for at the rate fixed under the Taotai's proclamation, Tls. 500 per mow.

It is noted that by the conclusion of these transactions and the recent purchase of Cadastral lot 67, measuring Mow 0.164, from Mr. Algar at the assessed value plus 10 per cent, the surrender of the whole of the road land will be complete.

East Hanbury Road.—The surrender of Mow 0.07 and Mow 0.113 required from Cadastral lots 206 and 192, respectively, for the widening of this road is noted, being at the assessed value of the lots plus ten per cent, or a sum of Tls. 867.35.

Great Western Road.—In regard to the acquisition of the scheduled area of Cadastral lots 1345 and 1346, subject to free surrender, an arrangement with Mr. W. M. Dowdall is noted whereby compensation will be paid amounting to Tls. 1,905 in respect to certain houses situated within the roadline of which the removal and reinstatement will take place in March 1910.

Public School.

The minutes of the meeting of the Public School Committee of June 22 are read and confirmed. There were present:—

Dr. R. S. Ivy (*Chairman*)
Messrs. H. De Gray
D. E. J. Abraham
H. E. Campbell
The Headmaster and
Assistant Secretary.

Attendance.—A comprehensive report by the Headmaster is submitted, containing information on the subject of attendance, towards the close of the term. Therefrom it is noted that the total number of pupils the week ending June 18, was 328 or 91 per cent. It is directed that a report by the Headmaster be submitted with reference to absences of the staff owing to sickness during recent years with a view to appreciating the effect of these absences upon the School's efficiency, and how far the existing teaching complement suffices for dealing with the resulting periods of sudden pressure of work.

Summer Vacation.—The Headmaster reports the date of closing, June 30, and re-opening, the first Monday in September, as usual.

Applications, by nine members of the staff, are submitted for leave during the vacation.

Staff.—The resignation of Mr. F. K. Ward is accepted with effect from September 30 and that of Miss E. Chaning Pearce with effect from June 30. These vacancies will be filled, as heretofore, under the supervision of Mr. C. S. Addis in London.

Tenders.

The following are authorized for acceptance:—

1.—Erection of a reinforced concrete bridge at Chaoufoong Road over the Singkeipang, Yao Sing-kee, Tls, 2,769. The concrete bunding required for the wings will be carried out departmentally by convict labour and the Budget appropriation for the whole work is Tls. 4,000.

2.—Erection of Carpenters' shop in the Concreteware Yard, Joe Ming-kee, Tls. 1,495 with extras for drainage amounting to Tls. 500. Budget appropriation Tls. 2,500.

3.—Repairs to Steam Dredger, the Shanghai Dock & Engineering Company, Tls. 628. The Budget appropriation under this heading is Tls. 3,500, of which Tls. 2,087 has already been expended.

The meeting adjourns at 6.10 p.m.

Public Band.

The performances during next week will (weather permitting) be as follows:

Mon.	July	5, 6	p.m.	Public Garden
Tues.	„	6, 5	„	Hongkew Recreation Ground
Wed.	„	7, 5	„	Public Garden
Thurs.	„	8, 5	„	Public Garden
Fri.	„	9, 5	„	Hongkew Recreation Ground
Sat.	„	10, 4	„	Public Recreation Ground

Private Services.—The charge for the services of the Band is Tls. 40, and of a Half-Band, consisting of not less than 3 European and 12 Manila musicians, Tls. 25, per hour or part of an hour.

The services of a smaller number of musicians may be engaged at the rate of Tls. 3 per hour for European, and Tls. 1.50 per hour for Manila musicians. In a group numbering less than half the Band an extra fee of Tls. 1.50 per hour is charged for the services of the piano-player.

One rehearsal is permitted without fee, all subsequent rehearsals are charged for at half of the above rates.

For the services of a soloist an additional fee of Tls. 25 is charged, inclusive of such rehearsals as are necessary.

If special music is required special arrangements must be made.

Engagements for more than three performances during a season are subject to a reduction of 20 per cent, for more than twelve performances, 40 per cent.

For Sunday performances, or service involving marching through the streets double rates are charged.

24 hours' notice is required for the cancellation of any engagement.

The cost of conveyance of musicians for a distance beyond a radius of 1 mile from the Municipal offices, Kiangse Road, must be defrayed by the persons engaging them.

The European musicians are allowed to give private music lessons, with the Conductor's permission obtained in each case.

Notification of Infectious Disease.

The following have been reported during the week ending Sunday, June 27, 1909.	Death among Chinese population of 650,000	Cases notified among Non-Chinese population of 15,000.
Small-pox.	0	0
Cholera.	0	0
Typhoid Fever	—	0
Diphtheria.	1	1
Scarlet Fever.	0	0
Tuberculosis	14	0
Plague	0	0
Total Deaths from all Causes	113	4

ARTHUR STANLEY,
Health Officer.

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Summary of Plague Prevention Work

during the week ending June 27, 1909.

	District				Total
	Eastern	Northern	Central	Western	
Rats found dead and brought to the Laboratory for examination	66	116	136	41	359
Rats plague infected	0	0	0	0	0
No. of traps in operation	1860	1378	807	400	4445
No. of rats trapped and burnt	454	345	204	185	1248
Poisoned baits laid	0	105000	0	0	105000
Houses temporarily rat-proofed and disinfected under notice to occupiers	130	213	0	0	343
Houses rat-proofed under notice to owners	0	0	0	0	0
Persons vaccinated against plague	0	0	0	0	0

ARTHUR STANLEY,
Health Officer.

Municipal Laboratory.

Analyses and tests will be made for the public as follows:—

1.—The right is reserved of refusing samples which may not be of sufficient public importance to warrant analysis.

2.—Where purity of food is in question, which may influence Public Health, analysis may, at the discretion of the Health Officer, be undertaken at a nominal fee.

3.—The locality from which samples come must be clearly described.

4.—Crushed samples will not be received for analysis.

5.—All samples analysed will remain the property of the Council.

6.—The Council will not recognize any claims arising from results of analysis.

SCALE OF FEES.

	Tls.
Water (chemical and bacterial):	50
Milk.	5
Butter.	30
Liquors.	40
Minerals, alloys, metals, etc.:	
Qualitative test for one constituent	10
Qualitative analysis complete	25
Quantitative analysis: each constituent	35
Coal:	
General analysis	35
Calorific value	15
Petrol, benzine, kerosene, lubricating and other oils:	
General analysis	50
Flash point only	5
Building materials: cement, mortar, lime, etc.:	
Chemical and physical tests as to quality	50
Toxicological examinations:	
Qualitative	50
Quantitative	100

Fees for other examinations and any further information can be obtained on application to the Health Officer.

Quantities which should be submitted for analysis:—

Milk and Liquors, 1 pint
Butter, 1 pound
Water, 1 gallon

When bacterial examination is required water should be sent packed in ice except in very cold weather.

Summary of General Municipal Rate, Foreign. March Quarter

	1909.		1908.		1907.	
	No. of Houses.	Rental Assessment.	No. of Houses.	Rental Assessment.	No. of Houses.	Rental Assessmen
		Tls.		Tls.		Tls.
Central District	607	2,064,295	584	1,880,164	565	1,614,243
Northern do.	1,057	858,496	1,046	796,717	993	735,369
Eastern do.	584	794,143	551	729,038	528	638,112
Western do.	712	908,590	629	814,538	522	680,228
Outside Settlement Limits	341	233,630	209	174,346	142	102,776
Total	3,301	4,859,154	3,019	4,394,803	2,750	3,770,728
Occupied by Natives	2,452	3,492,814	2,359	3,312,655	2,252	3,069,647
do. Foreigners	400	729,522	366	600,655	348	549,443
Unoccupied	449	636,818	294	481,493	150	151,638
Total	3,301	4,859,154	3,019	4,394,803	2,750	3,770,728
Tax Collected—		Tls.		Tls.		Tls.
Central District		53,360		48,325		36,901
Northern do.		21,966		21,390		17,105
Eastern do.		19,544		19,305		14,823
Western do.		23,689		20,771		15,421
Outside Settlement Limits		2,822		2,295		1,107
Total		121,381		112,086		85,357

A. JOHNSFORD,
Overseer of Taxes.

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MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION.

No. 1976.

VICTORIA NURSING HOME.

FROM and after this date the following additional fees will be charged :

For use of the Operating Room :—

1st Class.....Tls. 20
2nd „ ..... „ 10

Fees for dressings will be in accordance with the recommendation of the doctor attending the case.

By order,
W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

Council Room,
Shanghai, July 5, 1909.

AT the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, June 30, 1909, at 4.30 p.m., there are present :

Messrs. D. Landale (*Chairman*)
H. De Gray
F. C. Heffer
H. A. J. Macray
O. Meuser
J. Prentice
T. E. Trueman
The Secretary and
Assistant Secretary.

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read..

The minutes of the last meeting are read, confirmed, signed by the Chairman and passed for publication.

Native Press.

Reference is made to the Council's decision as to certain violent articles appearing in the native paper known as the National Herald, directed against the Sikh Police and Watchmen, to which allusion was made in the Police Report for May, when, after consultation with the Legal Adviser, special warning was given to the concerned to the effect that prosecution would follow upon the next offence of the kind. Translation of a further abusive article is submitted recommending Chinese to dismiss Indians in their employ and proposing punishment for those who do not comply within ten days, which, with those dated April 25 and 28, is clearly intended to antagonise native residents against this branch of the Police Force. In the opinion of the Legal Adviser the articles are calculated to provoke a breach of the peace, and at his recommendation proceedings in the Mixed Court will be instituted against the concerned.

Salt.

In continuation of the correspondence contained in the Municipal Gazette of April 29, the following further letters are ordered for publication :—

Shanghai, April 27, 1909.

SIR,—By direction of the Consular Body I have the honour to forward herewith for your consideration and reply copy and translation of a letter from the Taotai relating to the sale of salt in the Settlement.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,
D. SIFFERT,
Consul-General for Belgium, and Senior Consul.

D. LANDALE, Esq.,
Chairman, Municipal Council.

Translation of letter from Taotai Tsai Nai-huang to the Senior Consul, dated April 10, 1909.

The Taotai has to state that he has recently heard that the Municipal Council has published a Notification stating that in the Foreign Settlement there is no restraint as to salt, which may be sold at will and independently no matter by what person, at what place or at what price.

The Taotai did not at first entirely believe this, and therefore obtained a copy of the Notification and found that it did in fact correspond with what he had heard. He was therefore very much astonished.

The Taotai observes that in China salt is not permitted to be secretly and independently transported, and that there is a clear statement to this effect in the Treaty rules. From the statement now made by the Council that any person may deal in salt, it is to be feared that the smugglers who sell salt surreptitiously will band together and make trouble, and this is of the greatest importance to the peace of the Settlement.

Formerly in the case of the Mixed Court fracas the Council stated as a pretext that vagabonds had entered the Settlement from Pootung, and other places,—with the intention and wish of blaming the local officials thereby. Comparison of this with the present question cannot fail to show a contradiction.

Further, the area styled the Settlement is merely leased to the various countries for the residence and trade of foreigners, yet the Council's Notification in actually making the statement "inside the Foreign Settlement" is usurping and injuring China's sovereign right of eminent domain, and cannot therefore be recognized. The Taotai has thus to request that directions be given to the Council forthwith to cancel the aforementioned Notification in order to correspond with Treaty rules.

This letter is accordingly addressed to the Senior Consul, communicating with him, and requesting him kindly to take note and direct obedience and reply.

Council Room,
Shanghai, May 17, 1909.

SIR,—I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of April 27, forwarding a communication from the Taotai on the subject of the recent Municipal Notification as to the sale of salt in the Settlement.

In reply, I have the honour to request that an explanation be given to the native authorities that their contentions in this matter are incorrectly based upon Treaty provisions, for nowhere in the Treaties is it stated that the sale and consumption of salt in the Settlement is subject to native control or monopoly. Intervention of the kind which appears to be contemplated has been resisted from the time the Settlement was established.

I may further refer to my letter of March 15, in which the Council refrained from full comment on the new undertaking and its methods, suggesting that a comprehensive account of the action intended be obtained from the Taotai; and since this request appears to have passed without notice on his part, I trust that further representations may be made on the subject, with a view to removing, if possible, the doubt that it is the intention of the new office to proceed to irregular action.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,
DAVID LANDALE,
Chairman.

D. SIFFERT, Esq.,
Consul-General for Belgium,
and Senior Consul.

Health Department.

Victoria Nursing Home, Fire Appliances.—With reference to the decision on this subject published with the minutes of the meeting of April 21, and to the need for provision of suitable means of escape in the event of fire which has since engaged the Council's attention, a report by the Engineer

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shows that for purposes of escape a hand lift, of which the installation has been suggested, is unsuitable owing to slowness in working and difficulty in arranging its position outside the building, while the cost would amount to Tls. 1,000. Under these circumstances, it is decided that provision be made in the Budget for 1910 for the erection of two exterior iron staircases, of special construction, at a cost of Tls. 2,900.

Municipal Loans.

A note by the Accountant is submitted, showing that Tls. 272,000 at an average rate of Tls. 103.37 has been received in subscription towards the current year's loan, the authorized amount of which, exclusive of a loan for the Volunteer Corps land purchase, is Tls. 330,000. In view of the amount of Trust Funds which will require to be invested at the end of the year, it is decided to issue no further debentures for the present except at the rate of Tls. 107½.

Consular Body.

A letter from Mr. Amos P. Wilder, American Consul-General, informs the Council that from July 1 and during his absence on about 4 months' leave, the Consulate-General will be administered by Mr. P. Heintzleman, Vice-Consul-General.

Road Extensions and Widenings

Peking Road.—With reference to the minute on this subject published in the Municipal Gazette of June 10, an arrangement has been concluded with the registered owner, Mr. A. Wilson, whereby the houses at present on the lot will be purchased for the sum of Tls. 600.

Peking and Honan Roads.—With reference to the minute published in the Municipal Gazette of June 4, Messrs. Hanson, McNeill & Jones submit a further claim for Tls. 652, representing loss of rental and expenses incurred in building operations to the original scheduled line, less the present value of materials. It is noted that these operations were in progress before the opening of negotiations for the acquisition of the land to the amended line, and the claim being regarded as reasonable under the circumstances, it is authorized for payment.

Tatung Road and Extension No. 34 (Shanhaikwan Road.)— Negotiations with the China Land & Finance Co. Ld., for the acquisition of the scheduled portions of Cadastral lots 969, 977 and 983 required for the extension of these roads have been concluded upon the following terms:—

(i) The surrender, without compensation, of Mow 0.083 ex Lot 983 for the Tatung Road;

(ii) The purchase, for purposes of the Shanhaikwan Road, of the whole of Lot 977 measuring Mow 2.289 for the sum of Tls. 9,275, being calculated at the rate of Tls. 5,000 per mow upon an area of Mow 1.855, the remainder being subject to free surrender; the area required for road purposes is Mow 0.859 and two strips of surplus land remain upon the north and south for use for municipal purposes or re-sale as circumstances may direct;

(iii) The purchase of Mow 1.085 ex Lot 969 at the rate of Tls. 4,500 per mow, plus ten per cent, and less one-half for betterment; the reduction to be refunded unless the roads are made up and 12-foot strips thereof metalled within 18 months; of this area Mow 0.351 is required for the Tatung Road and Mow 0.734 for the Shanhaikwan Road.

Landing Stages,

Soochow Creek..—The construction of two reinforced concrete jetties is authorized in the North Soochow Road immediately east and west of the North Chekiang Road Bridge, the work to be carried out by the Public Works Department. Budget appropriation Tls. 1,000.

Tenders.

That of Chang Wo is accepted for painting the Public School for Chinese, Tls. 557.

The meeting adjourns at 6.30 p.m.

Public Band.

The performances during next week will (weather permitting) be as follows:

Mon.	July 12,	9.00 p.m.	Public Garden
Tues.	„ 13,	9.00 „	French Public Garden
Wed.	„ 14,	5.30 „	Public Garden
Thurs.	„ 15,	9.00 „	Public Garden
Fri.	„ 16,	5.30 „	Hongkew Recreation Ground
Sat.	„ 17,	5.00 „	Public Recreation Ground
		9.00 „	Public Garden

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Notification of Infectious Disease.

The following have been reported during the week ending Sunday, July 4, 1909.	Death among Chinese population of 550,000	Cases notified among Non-Chinese population of 15,000.
Small-pox.	2	0
Cholera.	0	0
Typhoid Fever	—	0
Diphtheria.	4	2
Scarlet Fever.	0	0
Tuberculosis	21	0
Plague	0	0
Total Deaths from all Causes	142	1

ARTHUR STANLEY, *Health Officer.*

Summary of Plague Prevention Work during the week ending July 4, 1909.

	District				Total
	Eastern	Northern	Central	Western	
Rats found dead and brought to the Laboratory for examination	78	113	146	37	274
Rats plague infected	0	1	1	0	2
No. of traps in operation	1825	1523	787	400	4535
No. of rats trapped and burnt	441	534	216	194	1385
Poisoned baits laid	0	45000	0	225	45225
Houses temporarily rat-proofed and disinfected under notice to occupiers	153	143	0	0	296
Houses rat-proofed under notice to owners	0	0	0	0	0
Persons vaccinated against plague	0	0	0	0	0

ARTHUR STANLEY, *Health Officer.*

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SCALE OF FEES.

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Butter.	30
Liquors.	40
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Coal:	
General analysis	35
Calorific value	15
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General analysis	50
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Engineer's Report for June

The continuous rains interfered considerably with the carrying out of all ontside work. On the other hand the creeks have received a much needed flushing and, for the most part, are now in a sanitary condition.

Owing to the drought of April and May and the resulting low level of creeks in the vicinity of the Quarry at Pingchiao, it has nct been possible to obtain an adequate supply of broken stone, consequently many of the main thoroughfares have become in a somewhat bad state of repair. With the rise in water-level, material is once more being received in sufficient quantity.

A commencement has been made on the roadwork entailed by the widening of Peking Road. The chip-paving from Kweichow Rcad to Koo Ka Loong is being replaced by a macadam carriageway, 30 feet wide, with 5-foot concrete footpaths on either side.

The raising and levelling of the site for the Wayside Park along Thorburn Road south of Ward Road has been commenced.

Public Lighting.—Electric lights have been erected during the month as follows:—Two 60 c.-p. metallic filaments along Great Western Road east of Yates Road. Four 60 c.-p. metallic filaments along Great Western Road between Seymour Road and Yates Road. Ten 60 c.-p. metallic filaments along Siccawei Road. No new gas lamps have been erected.

Creeks.—Notice-boards have been erected along Defence Creek warning the Chinese and others against throwing refuse into the creek. A large amount of the pollution is caused by the adjoining residents and also by the boatmen frequenting the creek throwing refuse into it, the warning given should act as a deterrent from the practice.

The dredging of the Tsze Pang continues, it has now been cleaned out to within a short distance of Avenue Road Bridge. During the month the improvement in the condition of the Bubbling Well Road Creek has been very noticeable.

The following is a summary of the work done by the Department during the month:—

Works in Progress.—Inspector's Quarters, Wayside Police Station. Indians' Quarters, Wayside Police Station. Native Police Hospital adjoining Victoria Nursing Home. Western Police Depôt, Gordon Road. Battery Room, Electricity Department. Alterations to compound, Hongkew Police Station. Thorburn Road Latrine. Fire Service, Nursing Home. Pavilion in Hongkew Recreation Ground.

Bricking and metalling 20-ft. strip around Brenan Piece. Jessfield Road widening. Constructing Overseer's Office and Store-room at the junction of Hart Road and Sinza Road. Laying 9-in. diam. concrete sewer along Taku Road east of Mohawk Road. Replacing chip-paved carriageway along Peking Road from Kweichow Road to Koo Ka Loong by macadam. Constructing concrete bunding along the Soochow Creek east of Fokien Road. Raising Dalny Road. Laying 1-ft. 6-in. by 1-ft. sewer along Boundary Road. Laying 1-ft. 6-in. by 1-ft. sewer along Kansuh Road. Laying 12-in. diam. sewer along Wuchow Road. Repairs to Hanbury Road bridge. Laying 3-ft. diam. culvert at the junction of Dalny Road and Baikal Road. Road widenings at the junction of Siccawei Road and Great Western Road, at the junction of Broadway and Seward Road, and along Szechuen Road between Peking Road and Jinkee Road. Annual painting of bridges, markets, etc.

Works Finally Completed.—Laying 3-ft. diam. culvert across Jessfield Road at Brenan Piece. Wooden bunding along Haiphong Road. Laying 3-ft. diam. culvert at the junction of Dalny Road and Batavia Road. Laying 3-ft. diam. culvert at the junction of Dalny Road and Ward Road. Steam Roller Shed, Northern District Depôt. Widening Haining Road east of North Honan Road.

Plans Completed.—Overseer's Office, Western District. Taku Road Sewer, east of Mohawk Road. Reinforced concrete Wing Walls for Chaoufoong Road Bridge. Reinforced concrete wall for Hongkew Concreteware Yard. Reinforced concrete bunding for Bund Foreshore, Reinforced concrete jetties east and west of North Chekiang Road Bridge. Plan and Details for Flushing Chamber to new sewer, Boundary Road. Two wooden jetties along Fearon Road between Yalu Road and Yuhang Road. Sections along Jehol Road and Kaifeng Road. Sketch plans for S.V.C. Proposed Headquarters.

Cleansing.—60 cartloads of garbage, 3,216 cartloads of road detritus, and 2,375 cartloads of gully deposit were collected during the month.

Quarry.—2,009 tons of road materials have been received during the month from the Quarry. 1,009 tons were despatched from the Quarry for account of the French Council during May ; the June returns have not yet come to hand.

Creek.—1,645 tons of mud have been removed from Sze Pang, north of Avenue Road, during the month.

Concreteware.—The following concreteware has been made at the Range Road Depôt during the month:—

Hand made	1,311 pieces.
Machine made	1,167 ,,
Total	2,478 ,,

New Buildings.

Summary of work done during the month:—

Description of work.

	Total
Buildings under construction	144
Plans submitted for approval	35
Plans approved	33
Inspections by Inspectors	1130
Permits for Carpenters Sheds, etc.	5
,, ,, Boundary Walls	8
,, ,, Repairs to Buildings	42
,, ,, New Shop Fronts	17
,, ,, Painting	107
,, ,, Alterations	32
,, ,, Erecting Fences	23
,, ,, Erecting Sign-boards	144
,, ,, Erecting Drying Stages	2
,, ,, Sunshades	401
Dangerous Building Notices served	9
Summonses	0
Encroachments reported and rectified	3

Dangerous Structures.

Notice as to dangerous structures received from the public	0
Notice from other Departments	1*
Dangerous structures reported by P.W.D.	7
First intimation Notices issued	7
Second ,, ,,	2

*Not found necessary to issue notices.

Survey Work.

Official measurements of new land lots attended during the month	47
Cadastral certificates issued	51
Consular lots surveyed	28
Surveys made in connexion with road widenings and/or extensions	54
Lots examined to ascertain whether they included roads or waterways which are or may be in future of use to the public	88

M. C. R. stones have been erected as follows:—

Western District	35	stones.
Central ,,	4	,,
Northern ,,	3	,,
Eastern ,,	11	,,
Outside limits	—	,,
Total	53	stones.

Labour.—The average number of labourers employed during the month, exclusive of contract work, has been 2,057 as compared with 1,944 during June, 1908.

C. H. GODFREY,
Acting Engineer and Surveyor.

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AT the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, July 7, 1909, at 4.30 p.m., there are present :

Messrs. D. Landale (*Chairman*)
H. De Gray
F. C. Heffer
H. A. J. Mauray
O. Meuser
J. Prentice
T. E. Trueman
The Secretary and
Assistant Secretary.

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

The minutes of the last meeting are read, confirmed, signed by the Chairman and passed for publication.

Police.

Foreign Branch.—It is noted that a charge of attempted desertion instituted against Constable C. W. Norman has been dismissed upon the grounds that there was no evidence of such intention, but since it appears that the man was drunk and absent from duty for some days, it is decided in accordance with the indication of the Magistrate, to dismiss him, with effect from June 30.

The dismissal of Constable J. C. Robson is also authorised, for conduct prejudicial to discipline, with effect from July 2.

The service of Probationary Warder Williams terminated on July 7.

Sikh Branch.—Constable No. 454, Naurang Singh, is discharged invalided, with effect from July 6.

Public Ricsha Service.

With regard to complaints as to the unsatisfactory state of the ricsha service in the Settlement directions are given for more strict adherence to the conditions attached to licences. The sources of complaint may be grouped under the following heads:—

(i) Youthful and ill-clad coolies.
(ii) Faultily constructed vehicles.
(iii) Absence of effective hood and apron.
(iv) Touting for hire, and aimless wandering in the streets.

The attention of the Police will be devoted to these points during the ensuing months, and it is hoped that some improvement will result.

With regard to a proposal to limit the number of licences issued, the Council is of opinion that the ordinary operation of supply and demand furnishes the only just and proper limitation, while it is plain that the effect of the action above described will be to curtail the number of undesirable vehicles.

Chinese Troops in the Settlement.

A note from the Senior Consul informs the Council of the issue of a permit for the passage of 120 Chinese soldiers through the Settlement on July 8 on the road to and from the Railway Station.

Court of Foreign Consuls.

The petition of ex-Assistant Sanitary Inspector H. Weber, drawn by Messrs. Ellis & Hays and claiming the full amount formerly at his credit in the Superannuation Fund, is submitted. The reply thereto, now in preparation by the Legal Advisers, will be made under the direction of the Watch Committee.

Public Lighting.

Upon the recommendation of the Electricity Committee, and in view of the recent reductions in the price of current for electric lighting, revision of the scale of fines in respect of defective street lighting levied on the Electricity Department is authorized. The following new schedule is adopted with effect from July 1:—

1. For every arc lamp out all night, Tls 0.80 per night:

2. For every arc lamp defective, after one hour from the scheduled time of lighting, Tls 0.08 per hour or part of an hour of such defection:

3. For every incandescent lamp not lit, Tls 0.15 per night.

4. For every incandescent lamp defective, Tls 0.02 per hour or part of an hour of such defection.

Fahwa Creek.

A letter from the Senior Consul forwards a protest from the native authorities with reference to certain bunding work in progress on the west side of Siccawei Road. At the suggestion of the Acting Engineer it is decided to request that the headmen concerned consult with him on the spot as to the most suitable line for the piling to take.

Road Extensions and Widenings.

Myburgh Road.—The native documents of title to, and plans showing the area of, the unregistered land required for the construction of this road between the Bubbling Well and Burkill Roads, have been lodged in the Chinese Land Office through the medium of the Senior Consul in the usual manner. The cost is as follows:—

	Tls.
Mow 0.497 at Tls. 300 per mow.	149.10
Removal and reinstatement of 6 houses.....	540.00
Tls.	689.10

Electricity Department.

Extension of Mains.—An extension of the mains for a distance of about 800 yards along the Robison Road is approved upon the usual condition that 10 per cent on the capital cost is paid by the consumer concerned, as an annual contribution until the extension is upon a paying basis.

The meeting adjourns at 6.05 p.m.

Public Band.

The performances during next week will (weather permitting) be as follows :

Mon.	July 19,	9.00 p.m.	Public Garden
Tues.	„ 20,	9.00 „	Hongkew Recreation Ground
Wed.	„ 21,	5.30 „	Public Garden
Thurs.	„ 22,	9.00 „	Public Garden
Fri.	„ 23,	5.30 „	Hongkew Recreation Ground
Sat.	„ 24,	5.00 „	Public Recreation Ground
		8.00 „	Public Garden

Notification of Infectious Disease.

The following have been reported during the week ending Sunday, July 11, 1909.	Death among Chinese population of 650,000	Cases notified among Non-Chinese population of 15,000.
Small-pox.	1	0
Cholera.	0	0
Typhoid Fever	—	0
Diphtheria.	2	0
Scarlet Fever.	0	0
Tuberculosis	20	0
Plague	0	0
Total Deaths from all Causes	136	3

ARTHUR STANLEY,
Health Officer.

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Summary of Plague Prevention Work

during the week ending July 11, 1909.

	District				Total
	Eastern	Northern	Central	Western	
Rats found dead and brought to the Laboratory for examination	22	112	156	33	323
Rats plague infected	0	1	0	0	1
No. of traps in operation	2340	1920	913	338	5511
No. of rats trapped and burnt	470	1108	259	218	2055
Poisoned baits laid	50	150000	54000	273	204323
Houses temporarily rat-proofed and disinfected under notice to occupiers	135	74	145	0	354
Houses rat-proofed under notice to owners	0	0	0	0	0
Persons vaccinated against plague	0	0	0	0	0

ARTHUR STANLEY,
Health Officer.

Departmental Report of the Acting Superintendent of Parks and Open Spaces to the Municipal Engineer for June

The inclemency of the weather has greatly impeded the general routine of work, but the heavy rains have more than compensated for the delay and loss of time.

The Public Gardens are looking exceptionally fresh and green and all traces of the drought which was beginning to tell on both trees and lawns, have disappeared. The flower beds and borders have been planted with the summer flowering foliage plants, such as Coleus, Crotons, Tradescantia, Plumbago, etc., which should in a few weeks make a good display.

The Reserve Garden cannot boast of very much in the way of flowers as this is rather a dull time of the year, though there is a good display of Caladiums, which, with their rich and beautifully marked foliage, together with the green Isolepis gracilis adianteums make a showy group. A few pots of Streptocarpus and several Cattleyas and late blooming Gloxinias, total up the chief attractions.

The Public Recreation Ground.—The work of weeding, cleaning and mowing the lawns has been continued, though owing to the sodden condition of the lawns, all mowing work has been done with difficulty.

The Hongkew Recreation Ground.—The work in the Park has been chiefly mowing, rolling and the planting of flower borders with Cosmos, Balsam, Asters and Celosias.

Roads.—The number of trees staked and refastened in the Western District is 978, Central District 105, and Eastern District 428. Two gangs of five coolies are continually employed in cutting, cleaning and refastening trees.

The work of removing privet blossoms from the trees on Municipal roads and properties, and from private gardens whose owners have made application to that effect, has been continued throughout the Settlement. Large quantities of flowers bave been destroyed, but much still remains to be done on private property.

J. GILES,
Acting Superintendent.

Report of Captain-Superintendent of Police for June.

Strength of the Force on June 30, 1909.

Officers	8
Foreigners	223
Sikhs	538
Chinese	966
Clerical and Teaching Staff	44
Supernumeraries	91
Total	1,870

Crime.—The present season of the year is usually fairly free from the more serious forms of crime, such as highway robberies, burglaries, etc. These are more prone to occur during the dark winter evenings and nights.

Unfortunately, a murder was committed on June 6 last in the Louza district for which no arrests have as yet been made.

There is evidence to show that as in the previous murder, crime in the ordinary sense of the word was not the motive. Deceased was one of a growing class who choose to mix themselves up with what are somewhat vaguely characterised as "Revolutionary Societies."

Foreigners Arrested and Charged.—As showing the ever increasing amount of work in this Settlement with which the Police have to cope, the following figures relating to foreigners arrested and charged at Hongkew Police Station are quoted:—

Total charged	50
Released, not charged	17
Spanish summonses pending for gambling	5
Grand total	72

Likin.—A further case in which the City authorities have endeavoured to illegally enforce the collection of likin within the Settlement was brought to light on the 28th of this month. In this case the collection of likin was being made from shops selling wood.

Here follow table of persons coming under the notice of the Police for criminal and other offences, punishments inflicted, prisoners in custody, vehicles' licenses suspended and confiscated, dogs captured, etc., value of property stolen and recovered, and warrants and summonses.

C. D. BRUCE,
Captain-Superintendent.

Fires.—The following is a return of fires which occurred in the Settlement during the first half of 1909. In it are included certain alterations necessary in the figures given for April 1909:—

Comparative return of fires occurring in the Settlement for the half-year ending June 30, 1907/08/09.

	1907							1908							1909						
	January	February	March	April	May	June	Total	January	February	March	April	May	June	Total	January	February	March	April	May	June	Total
Number of fires reported (not including those Out of Limits)	37	22	20	32	28	28	107	23	34	31	20	28	13	152	23	17	16	20	37	18	131
General Alarm rung	25	9	14	17	12	13	90	11	13	16	10	11	4	65	9	5	8	10	15	9	56
Extinguished by Fire Brigade	21	11	8	14	13	11	78	10	10	13	9	11	4	57	9	3	7	7	10	7	43
Extinguished by Police and Inmates	16	11	12	18	15	17	89	13	24	21	11	17	9	95	14	14	9	13	27	11	88
Number of cases in which Prosecutions were instituted	7	4	2	2	6	7	28	8	7	6	4	2	5	32	4	2	6	3	8	7	30
Number of cases in which convictions were obtained for arson, cupable negligence, or strong inflammable material in excess of quantity allowed by Municipal Regulations	5	4	0	0	4	7	20	8	7	6	4	1	3	29	4	2	6	3	7	5	27
Number of cases in which the contents of the premises were insured on which the fire originated	27	13	8	19	17	16	100	16	21	14	11	16	6	84	14	13	8	7	15	8	65
Number of cases in which the contents of the premises were not insured on which the fire originated	10	9	12	13	11	12	67	7	13	20	9	12	7	68	9	4	8	13	23	10	66

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Return of Persons coming under the notice of Police for Criminal and other Offences.

Offences.	Foreigners	Natives	Total
(a) OFFENCES AGAINST THE PERSON:—			
Murder		5	5
Attempted suicide		10	10
Cutting and wounding		5	5
Assault	6	91	97
Kidnapping		38	38
Cruelty to or trafficking in women or children		9	9
Intimidation		1	1
Unnatural offence	2		2
(b) OFFENCES AGAINST RIGHTS OF PROPERTY:—			
Embezzlement		7	7
Extortion		18	18
Burglary		11	11
Housebreaking		6	6
Obtaining goods or money by false pretences	1	5	6
Fraud	1	12	13
Receiving stolen property		21	21
Unlawful possession		37	37
Uttering		1	1
Malicious injury		1	1
Larceny	1	313	314
Civil Offences:—Debt		25	25
Breach of contract		11	11
Others		11	11
Criminal negligence (fires)		12	12
Trespass		13	13
(c) ACTS INJURIOUS TO THE PUBLIC:—			
Common nuisances		1,306	1,306
Vagrancy	2	105	107
Returning after expulsion	1	15	16
Disorderly and improper conduct	28	203	231
Soliciting prostitution		30	30
Depositing garbage		77	77
Traffic:—Furious driving		19	19
Obstruction		1,626	1,626
Selling indecent pictures		1	1
Selling lottery tickets		2	2
Deportation	1		1
Public gambling	14	22	36
Cruelty to animals		3	3
Insanitary premises		9	9
Excessive storage of straw		6	6
Selling unsound fruit		3	3
Selling impure Aerated waters		2	2
Dangerous to peace & good order of the Settlement		15	15
Miscellaneous	7	47	54
Evading license:—Opium shop		8	8
Dog	1		1
Breach of license conditions:—Wine-shop		3	3
Dog	9	3	12
Club		1	1
Dairy		1	1
Lodging-house		5	5
Market		8	8
Opium-shop		7	7
Pork shop		2	2
Tea-shop		11	11
(d) NOT CHARGED:—			
Beggars, Hawkers, Ragpickers		2,607	2,607
Others	38	361	399
Total	112	7,171	7,283

Return of Sentences etc

Sentences, Decisions etc.	Foreigners	Natives	Total
Imprisonment	12	447	459
Cangue		5	5
Expulsion or deportation	2	1	3
Fined	33	358	391
Imprisonment and cangue		9	9
" " expulsion		61	61
" " fined	1		1
" cangue and expulsion		2	2
Congue and fined		1	1
Bail forfeited		2,964	2,964
Remanded	3		3
Cautioned	11	22	33
Dismissed	3	69	72
Released on Security	1	65	66
Left to Court		28	28
Handed to parents or guardians		29	29
Sent to Reformatory		8	8
" Slave Girls' Refuge		1	1
" Sinza Refuge		96	96
" Door of Hope		12	12
" Native Authorities		16	16
Charge withdrawn		2	2
Sent to Mental Ward	1		1
" Scandinavian Sailors' Home	1		1
Sent on board ship for trial and punishment	6		6
Handed to River Police		1	1
Sent to Shantung Road Hospital		1	1
" Szechuen Guild		1	1
Detained at Mixed Court		3	3
Absconded	4	1	1
Total	74	4,203	4,277

Prisoners in Custody

June, 30 1909.

Central Station	55
Louza Station	51
Hongkew Station	64
West Hongkew Station	19
Harbin Road Sub-Station	4
Wayside Station	14
Gaol	880
Yangtszepoo Station	16
Sinza Station	30
Bubbling Well Station	13
Total	1,146

Vehicle Licenses.

	Suspended	Confiscated
Ricsha	1,555	2,509
Wheelbarrow	3	—
Handcart	—	—
Total	1,558	2,509

Value of Property Stolen between

May 29 and June 25, 1909.

	Dollars
Stolen	14,801.66
Recovered	8,935.06

Warrants and Summonses.

	Issued	Executed or Served
Warrants	88	31
Summonses	208	145

Dogs.

At Kennels May 31, 09	19	159
Captured	140	
Returned	8	159
Killed	136	
Remaining at Kennels	15	

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MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION.

No. 1958.

CHARGES FOR ELECTRICITY.

THE following revised scale of charges for electricity has been authorized with effect from January 1, 1909:—

LIGHTING.—Consumers have the option of payment under either of two tariffs :—

1.—Flat rate of Tls. 0.13 per unit with discount of—

5%	for a consumption over	1,000 units
7½	,,	1,500 ,,
10	,,	2,000 ,,
15	,,	3,000 ,,
20	,,	4,000 ,,
25	,,	5,000 ,,
30	,,	6,000 ,,

II.—Tls. 0 19 per unit for the first hour and a quarter's supply, on the average of maximum demand per diem during each month.
Tls. 0.07 per unit for all further supply.

POWER.—For working motors, except for lifts or hoists :—
Tls. 0 06 per unit with a sliding scale for quantity consumed as follows:—

	Per unit
Under 66 units per month electrical horse-power of the consumer's maximum load.. .....Tls.	0.06
From 66 to 83 ,, ,,	0.0575
From 83 to 100 ,, ,,	0.055
From 100 to 116 ,, ,,	0.0525
From 116 to 130 ,, ,,	0.050
Above 130 ,, ,,	0.0475

HEATING and COOKING.—

	Per unit
Under 66 units per Kilowatt installed...Tls.	0.60
From 66 to 83 do. ,,	0.0575
From 83 to 100 do. ,,	0.055
From 100 to 116 do. ,,	0.0525
From 116 to 130 do. ,,	0.050
Above 130 do. ,,	0.0475

LIFTS and HOIST MOTORS.—Tls. 0.09 per unit.

SHOP WINDOW LIGHTING, ADVERTISEMENTS, etc.—Tls. 0.13 per unit per month for each 30 watt lamp installed. For all excess consumption over one unit per lamp, Tls. 0.09 per unit.

ELECTRIC MOTORS.—These are stocked and hired to consumers at the following rates:—

1 Horse Power...Tls.	3.50	per month.
3 ,, ,,	4.50	,,
4 ,, ,,	6.00	,,
5 ,, ,,	7.00	,,
8 ,, ,,	8.50	,,
10 ,, ,,	10.00	,,
15 ,, ,,	13.50	,,
20 ,, ,,	16.50	,,

The above prices include the main fuses, switch and connecting cables from switch to motor.

Rates for motors larger than 20 horse-power may be had on application.

ARC LAMPS.—Arc lamps are hired to consumers at Tls. 1.50 per month, the charge including maintenance, trimming and cleaning.

Enquiries for supply of electricity, hire of motors, arc lamps, etc., should be addressed to the Electrical Engineer, at the Electricity Works, 31 Fearon Road.

By order,

W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

Council Room,
Shanghai, March 19, 1909.

MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION.

No. 1976.

VICTORIA NURSING HOME.

FROM and after this date the following additional fees will be charged :

For use of the Operating Room :—

1st Class.....Tls. 20
2nd ,, ... ,, 10

Fees for dressings will be in accordance with the recommendation of the doctor attending the case.

By order,

W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

Council Room,
Shanghai, July 5, 1909.

MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION.

No. 1977.

THE Council is prepared to receive tenders for the supply of STEELWORK required in the erection of the SINZA FIRE STATION in Avenue Road.

Drawings and Specifications may be seen, and all necessary information obtained, upon application at the Public Works Office, Hankow Road, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Sealed tenders will be received by the undersigned not later than noon on Saturday, July 17, 1909, and should be marked "Tender for Steelwork, Sinza Fire Station."

The Council does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender, or to pay any expenses which the contractor may incur in tendering.

The names of tenderers, with the prices quoted, will be published for general information.

By order,

W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

Council Room,
Shanghai, July 12, 1909.

MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION.

No. 1978.

THE following amended licence condition will be enforced from September 1, 1909:—

XX. LIVERY STABLE.

9.—That between sunset and sunrise each vehicle carry two lighted lamps, one on either side shewing white in front and red behind and that the licence number be clearly painted on the outside of the lamps and remain at all times legible and undefaced.

By order,

W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

Council Room,
Shanghai, July 12, 1909.

MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION.

No. 1979.

[*Translation.*]

CONVICTS' FOOD.

THE Council is prepared to receive tenders for the supply and delivery at all Police Stations and the Gaol of food for convicts during three months from August 1 to October 31, in the following quantities monthly:—

Vegetables	3,200 lb.
Onions	1.500 ,,
Salt-fish	550 ,,
Beef	570 ,,
Pork	570 ,,
Salt	350 ,,
Bean oil	260 ,,
Tea	50 ,,
Rice	230 pcls.
Wheat	35 ,,
Flat Beans	24 ,,
Red ,,	16 ,,

Tenders in English or Chinese will be received by the undersigned not later than 4 o'clock p.m. on July 25, 1909, and should be marked "Tender for Convicts' Food."

The Council does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender, or to pay any expenses which the contractor may incur in tendering. The contractor whose tender is eventually accepted may be required to give satisfactory security for the due performance of the contract.

By order,

W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

Council Room,
Shanghai, July 12, 1909.

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The Municipal Gazette.

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AT the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, July 7, 1909, at 4.30 p m., there are present:

Messrs. D. Landale (*Chairman*)
H. De Gray
F. C. Heffer
H. A. J. Macray
O. Meuser
J. Prentice
T. E Trueman
The Secretary and
Assistant Secretary.

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

The minutes of the last meeting are read, confirmed, signed by the Chairman and passed for publication.

Police.

Foreign Branch—The promotion of G. McKay to be 2nd-Class Constable is authorized with effect from July 20, and that of the following with effect from July 12:—

R. A. Forde
C. Hodson
H. Murray
J. A. Nield
R. J. O'Neill
J. H. Tait.

Convicts' Clothing—The tenders received in response to Notification No. 1975 are as follows:—

Tenderer		Price per piece.
Alex. Ross & Co.	(i)	Tls. 5.25
	(ii)	5.35
Moller Bros.	(i)	5.15
	(ii)	5.25
Welch, Lewis & Co.		5.00
Richard Haworth & Co., Ltd.		4.725
Shewan, Tomes & Co.	(i)	4.40
	(ii)	4.60

None of the samples submitted with these tenders are as suitable as the drill heretofore in use, and it is accordingly decided, in accordance with the recommendation of the Captain-Superintendent, to accept an offer of the China and Japan Trading Co., Ld. for "Pacolet" Drills at Tls. 5.10 per piece.

Accounts.

Office Staff—In reports dated June 9 and July 12 by the Acting Accountant are set out recommendations in regard to the staff of the office which, to enable the work of reorganization and internal audit to make any headway, will require two additional men. One of these should be a qualified chartered accountant of about the age of 25, and, as to the other, a local candidate accustomed to handling accounts will suffice. The Committee authorizes negotiations to this end forthwith.

Office Accommodation.—The Finance Committee has inspected the Accounts Office, at present consisting of 2 rooms only, the second of which is ill-lit and encumbered by files and other records. It is decided to call for a report from the Municipal Engineer, to contain proposals for the enlargement of this accommodation, either by a new temporary out-building, or by the removal of certain coolie quarters, and the extension of the present building.

Stocks and Stores.—A member alludes to the desirability of some central check on all purchases of stores, and notably of stationery, suggesting the appointment of a general storekeeper, whose duties shall embrace the supervision of all departmental orders from home, their combination where possible, and the calling for tenders where any large purchase is involved. This matter will have the Accountant's attention in due course, and he will report on the subject for the Finance Committee's early consideration. In the meanwhile as a preliminary step, his suggestion is adopted that all indents be submitted to him for comment, if necessary, before dispatch.

Consular Body.

A letter from Mr. Carlos de Sostoa, Consul for Spain, informs the Council that he has taken over charge of the Consulate from Dr. K. Bernauer, with effect from July 16.

A letter is also received from Mr. Müller, Acting Consul-General for Germany, notifying the Council that he has resumed charge of the Consulate-General with effect from July 18.

Drainage.

Haining and North Thibet Road Sewers.—The Engineer reports that the existing sewer in the North Thibet Road has settled and will shortly require relaying, and he recommends that a sewer 3-ft. in diameter be laid from the Haining Road to the North Thibet Road viâ Jehol and Kaifeng Roads at a cost not exceeding Tls. 12,000, and that the existing defective sewer in the North Thibet Road be replaced by one of 3-ft. diameter at an estimated cost of Tls. 12,000.

In approving both these proposals, the Council notes with respect to the former that the Budget appropriation for a slightly smaller sewer between the same points is Tls. 10,000, and, in regard to the latter project, it is directed that provision therefor be made in the Budget for 1910.

Road Extensions and Widenings.

Canton Road.—Acceptance is authorized of an offer of the scheduled strip of Cadastral lot 107, measuring Mow 0.014, at the assessed value of the property plus 10 per cent and less one-third for betterment, a total sum of Tls. 6,160. Registered owners, the Standard Oil Company of New York.

Myburgh Road.—With reference to the claim of Messrs. Atkinson & Dallas for the scheduled portion of Cadastral Lot 675, required for the construction of this road, it is noted that the property already possesses a frontage upon the Sinza Road and that, therefore, the advantage to be derived from the additional western frontage is not so marked. The construction of the Myburgh Road will, however, convert this lot into a corner site at the junction of two important thoroughfares, and, in accordance with the Council's request, the owners have assented to a deduction of one-fifth for betterment.

The total sum payable is thus Tls. 1,689 for an area of Mow 0.213.

Building Rules.

With reference to a case in which a building of the godown class has been erected in the Avenue Road in spite of the fact that official notice of disapproval of the plans submitted, was conveyed to the concerned, a letter from the applicant states that he was unaware that construction work had proceeded beyond the initial stage of excavation of the foundations. It is noted that building operations have now been stopped, and that all work which has been done and which fails to comply with the Building Rules, will, under provision of Article XXX of the Land Regulations, be pulled down.

A further aspect of this matter is that while the application states that the projected building is to be a godown, it appears that it is the intention of the owner to use it as a soap factory, and, inasmuch as the process of soap-boiling cannot but be offensive in a residential district such as the Avenue Road, it is decided to warn the applicant that in the event of the building being used for such purpose, the provisions of Bye-law XXXI will unfailingly be put into force against him.

Public Works Department.

Supply of Cement.—Six tenders are received in response to Notification No. 1953, and, upon the recommendation of

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the Works Committee, the following are authorized for acceptance:—

Shewan, Tomes & Co. "Green Island" 350 casks per mensem at Tls. 3.50 per cask.
Ilbert & Co. "Dragon" 100 casks per mensem at Tls. 3.20 per cask.
East Asiatic Co., Ld. "Buffalo" 100 casks per mensem at Tls. 3.44 per cask.

The remaining tenders are as follows:—

Dodwell & Co., Ld. "Unicorn" . Tls. 3.45 per cask.
Chee Hsin Cement Co., Ld..... „ 3.45 „
Takata & Co. "Aichi"..... „ 4.59 „

Recess.

The annual recess is fixed for the three weeks next ensuing after the meeting of August 25.

The meeting adjourns at 6.13 p.m.

The following documents are ordered for publication with the foregoing minutes:—

Notification of Infectious Disease.

The following have been reported during the week ending Sunday, July 18, 1909.	Death among Chinese population of 650,000	Cases notified among Non-Chinese population of 15,000.
Small-pox.	0	0
Cholera.	0	0
Typhoid Fever	—	0
Diphtheria.	1	0
Scarlet Fever.	2	0
Tuberculosis	19	0
Plague	0	0
Total Deaths from all Causes	157	2

ARTHUR STANLEY,
Health Officer.

Summary of Plague Prevention Work during the week ending July 18, 1909.

	District				Total
	Eastern	Northern	Central	Western	
Rats found dead and brought to the Laboratory for examination.....	66	67	112	37	282
Rats plague infected	0	0	0	0	0
No. of traps in operation.....	2400	1920	910	345	5575
No. of rats trapped and burnt.....	605	1099	227	236	2167
Poisoned baits laid..	0	95600	2000	408	98008
Houses temporarily rat-proofed and disinfected under notice to occupier	105	79	115	0	299
Houses rat-proofed under notice to owner	0	0	0	0	0
Persons vaccinated against plague.....	0	0	0	0	0

ARTHUR STANLEY,
Health Officer.

Public Band.

The performances during next week will (weather permitting) be as follows:

Mon.	July 26,	9.00 p.m.	Public Garden
Tues.	„ 27,	9.00 „	Hongkew Recreation Ground
Wed.	„ 28,	5.30 „	Public Garden
Thurs.	„ 29,	9.00 „	Public Garden
Fri.	„ 30,	5.30 „	Hongkew Recreation Ground
Sat.	„ 31,	5.00 „	Public Recreation Ground
		9.00 „	Public Garden

Health Officer's Report for June.

The condition of the Public Health has been satisfactory.

Diphtheria and Relapsing fever have, however, been prevalent to some extent.

As regards plague among rats the improvement has been most marked—one plague-infected rat only having been found among 1,598 rats found dead and examined in the Laboratory during the month. No human cases have been reported.

PLAGUE AMONG RATS.

Comparative Monthly Figures

	Rats examined	Plague infected	Percentage infected
December	1,359	50	3.7
January	1,118	26	2.3
February	1,375	30	2.2
March	2,585	41	1.6
April	1,897	21	1.1
May	1,780	10	0.6
June	1,598	1	—

The cause of this fortunate condition may be found in the following summary of work undertaken since the discovery of plague-infected rats in December last.

Rats examined in the Laboratory	12,421
Rats trapped...	32,446
Rats poisoned (estimated)...	200,000
Poisoned baits laid ...	4,125,724
Amount of poison used ...	1½ tons
Houses rendered temporarily rat-proof	9,296

I feel it my duty to point out, in fairness to the whole foreign staff of the Health Office and Laboratory and in appreciation of their loyal and conscientious services, that this special plague-prevention work has been undertaken in addition to the normal work of the Department, a point which calls for special consideration.

Having practically freed the Settlement of plague-infected rats it now becomes necessary to see whether further steps can be taken to ensure that plague-infected rats will not again be introduced by ships from plague-infected ports. If nothing further can be done by the Port Health Authority—the Imperial Chinese Maritime Customs—it will be advisable to make the plague-prevention staff, as at present organized, a permanent one. It would, however, appear desirable that ships coming from plague-infected ports should be required to present a certificate of freedom from rats, that precautions be taken in the harbour in unloading such ships and that a Health Officer, acquainted with modern Port Health Work, be appointed to organize such preventive work in the harbour, in addition to the work at present being done at the Woosung Sanitary Station.

Regarding mosquito work the general impression appears to be that, although the natural conditions have recently been markedly favourable to the production of mosquitoes, an amelioration of the mosquito nuisance has resulted as compared with previous years. The staff of eight constables lent from the Police and 58 Chinese working under the Sanitary Inspectors was not large enough to cope adequately with the conditions during the prolonged rains, when a large extent of the surface of the Settlement held water for a time long enough for the development of mosquitoes.

Some explanation of the "Market Prices" which are published daily in the newspapers appears necessary. These prices are revised weekly and represent the average prices prevailing in the Municipal markets and licensed shops. The prices in the Maloo Market are, as a rule, somewhat higher than those in the Hongkew Market: the difference being due to the bulk of the business in the Hongkew Market being conducted on a cash basis while the other is done by monthly credit. A list revised weekly cannot deal with daily variations in price, which are entirely regulated by supply, demand and quality: but should be of assistance to housekeepers and others: especially to those not possessing that knowledge of the ways of the oriental dealer, which only prolonged observation and residence can ensure. The "Market Prices" do not normally regulate the price of market produce, which is determined by the relation of supply and demand, but are useful, both publicly and privately, in rejecting extortionate demands.

There are vacancies for probationer nurses at the Victoria Nursing Home, who will devote themselves, during a period of training of three years, to the attainment of a knowledge of nursing.

Particulars may be obtained from, and application should be made to, the Matron at the Home.

Here follow tables of Vital Statistics, Infectious Disease and outdoor Sanitary work, including a special summary of Plague Prevention Work: work done in the Municipal Laboratory, Municipal Hospitals and Slaughter-house: and lists of premises licensed for the protection of Public Health.

ARTHUR STANLEY,
Health Officer.

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General Sanitary Work for June.

	District				Total.
	Eastern	Northern	Central	Western	
Vaccination against small-pox	0	7	11	5	23
Enquiries after notification of foreign cases of infectious disease	2	2	0	1	5
Enquiries after notification of Chinese cases of, and deaths from, infectious disease	27	26	124	9	186
Rooms disinfected after infectious disease	34	27	32	11	104
Articles of clothing, bedding, etc., disinfected by steam	5057	9	238	45	5349
Houses cleansed and limewashed	1546	733	166	34	2485
Ventilation and lighting amended	0	2	0	3	5
Defective drainage amended	5	19	5	7	36
Insanitary wells abolished	0	3	3	1	7
Proper water supply provided	0	0	3	0	3
Insanitary latrines and urinals rendered healthy	1	1	6	4	12
Night-soil pits and kongs abolished	38	1	0	17	56
Exposed coffined corpses removed and buried	0	2	0	3	5
Smoke nuisances suppressed	0	0	1	0	1
Beggar-boats removed	8	0	0	0	8
Complaints of insanitary conditions received from the public	7	12	6	31	56
Insanitary conditions reported by Health Officer	22	35	25	16	98
Written intimation issued for sanitary amendment	9	5	20	7	41
Second written intimations issued for sanitary amendment	0	1	1	0	2
Notices of intention to proceed served	0	2	0	0	2
Samples taken for analysis	10	18	48	34	110
Pounds of unsound food destroyed	1135	374	1015	494	3018
Hawkers brought into markets	102	202	80	30	414
Food prosecutions	1	9	1	2	13
House refuse prosecutions	7	20	74	0	101
Tons of ordure removed	1200	2500	1610	1060	6370
Tons of house refuse removed	2440	3000	3681	905	10026

Milk from Licensed Dairies examined in the Laboratory and found adulterated, etc.

Dairy	Situation	Licensee	Adulteration, etc.
Farfield Dairy	19 Kwenming Rd.	Winifred Flood	11.2% added water
Wayside Dairy	1543 Tongshan Rd.	Tsz Mok Zien	6.9% added water

Deaths.

	Foreign. Resident.	Foreign. Non-Resident.	Native.
Small-pox	0	0	3
Cholera	0	0	0
Typhoid Fever	0	0	—
Diphtheria	1	0	5
Scarlet Fever	1	0	2
Tuberculosis	2	0	61
From all causes	20	3	536

Infectious Disease Notified among Foreign Resident Population.

Small-pox	0
Cholera	0
Typhoid Fever	2
Diphtheria	4
Scarlet Fever	0
Tuberculosis	1

Municipal Laboratory.

Small-pox vaccine issued	220 tubes
Vaccinations	33 doses
Diphtheria Antitoxin issued	31
Cases undergoing anti-rabic treatment	3
Bacteriological examinations	62
Analysis	82

Victoria Nursing Home

Cases admitted	33
Discharged	27
Died	1
Remaining last day of month	13
Nursed outside the Home	4
Daily visits	0
Nursing pre-engagements	1

Isolation Hospitals

	Foreign.	Native.
Cases Admitted—Small-pox	0	1
Cholera	0	0
Typhoid Fever	0	0
Diphtheria	2	0
Scarlet Fever	0	1
Other Diseases	2	68
Discharged	6	32
Died	0	5
Remaining last day of month	2	58

Summary of Plague Prevention Work during June, 1909.

	District				Total
	Eastern	Northern	Central	Western	
Rats found dead and brought to the Laboratory for examination	324	619	516	139	1598
Rats plague infected	0	1	0	0	1
No. of traps in operation	1630	1380	833	400	4243
No. of rats trapped and burnt	2319	1583	598	779	5279
Poisoned baits laid	1550	424600	0	0	426150
Houses temporarily rat-proofed and disinfected under noticetooccupiers	715	941	0	0	756
Houses rat-proofed under notice to owners	0	0	0	0	0
Persons vaccinated against plague	0	0	0	0	0

Mosquito Extermination Work during June

	District.				Total
	Eastern	Northern	Central	Western	
Stagnant waters on land removed	174	16	0	78	268
Stagnant waters in and around houses removed	9530	9268	8527	2759	28084
Stagnant waters oiled weekly	8324	483	540	3127	9474

Report on Analysis of Water.

Sample received July 1, 1909.

Report sent out July 5, 1909.

Physical Characters. —

Solid Matter in Solution	14.8
a.—Volatile	6.8
b.—Fixed	8.0
Appearance on Ignition	Slight Charring
Total Hardness	8.5
a.—Temporary	4.5
b.—Permanent	4.0
Chlorine	2.35
Nitrogen as Nitrates	0.0501
Saline Ammonia	0.0031
Albuminoid Ammonia	0.0121
Poisonous Metals	Nil
Nitrites	Nil
Phosphates	Nil
Sulphates	Traces.

Bacteriological Examination. — Gelatine plates at 23°c. yielded an average of 20 micro-organisms per c.c.

Agar plates at blood heat showed 11 microbe colonies per c.c.

Organisms of the coli group were absent in quantities of 0.5 c.c. and under.

Report on Analysis.—A sample of water of good degree of chemical and biological purity.

Licensed Laundries.

Laundry.	Situation.
Eastern District.	
Ah Chow	465-6 Dent Road
Ah Kung	467 do.
Old Ah Foo	469-71 do.
Jackson	472-3 do.
Big Sam	66-8 Dent Lane
Jim	1858 Seward Road
Wo Yue	1859 do.
Yue Shing	1860 do.
Ching Kee	1861 do.
Mew Shing	1862 do.
Ah Ling	1863 do.
Big Jim	1192 Yuhang Road
Ah Kee	222 Tongshan Road
No. 1 Kashing	262-3 Harbin Road
No. 2 „	260-1 do.
No. 3 „	258-9 do.
No. 4 „	257-8 do.
No. 5 „	256 do.
No. 6 „	255 do.
No. 7 „	254 do.
No. 8 „	253 do.
No. 9 „	251-2 do
No. 10 „	250-1 do
No. 11 „	249 do.
No. 12 „	248 do.
No. 13 „	247 do.
No. 14 „	245 do.
No. 15 „	243-4 do.
No. 16 „	242 do.
No. 17 „	241 do.
No. 18 „	240 do.
No. 19 „	239 do.
Nos. 20-50 „	237-234 do.
Northern District.	
Yoh Shing	846 Woosung Road
Miller	308 Miller Road
Chin Kee	1113 Woosung Road
Wong Ah Sam	1381 Haining Road
Yah Tah Tung	Pd. 2818 Haining Rd
N. Y. K.	N. Szechuen Rd. Ex.
Japanese	Pd 778 Elgin Road
International No. 1-13	N. Szechuen Rd. Ex.
Western District.	
YungShingWashingCo	318-309 C'king Rd.
WooKee Washing Co.	259 Taku Road
Do Foo Washing Co.	55 Yates Road
Ziang Shing „ „	24 Weihaiwei Rd
Shz Shing Washing Co.	105 „
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Yung Sun Washing Co.	210 „
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Shanghai Steam Laundry Co.	210 „

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SLAUGHTER-HOUSE RETURNS.

	Slaughtered.	Rejected at Slaughter-house.	Passed for Slaughter from Cattle-sheds.	Passed for Export from Cattle-sheds.	Rejected at Cattle-sheds.
Oxen	1319	4	1319	1	0
Sheep	2578	0	2578	22	3
Calves	376	0	375	1	0
Pigs	130	1	0	0	0

LICENSED AERATED WATER FACTORIES.

Name of Factories	Situation.
Caldbeck, Macgregor & Co.	2 Muirhead Road.
A. S. Watson & Co.	134 N. Szechuen Rd
Llewellyn & Co.	9 Canton Road.

LICENSED ICE FACTORIES.

The Shanghai Ice, Cold, Storage & Refrigeration Co.	The Shanghai Ice, Cold, Storage & Refrigeration Co.
The Oriental Ice Co.	8 Thorne Road.

LICENSED DAIRIES.

Dairy.	Situation.
EASTERN	DISTRICT.
Riverside Farm	76 Yangtszepoo Road
Shanghai Dairy	" "
Inshallah Dairy Farm	71 Ward Road
Sung Shing Dairy	Thorburn Road
Yangtszepoo Farm	" "
Farfield Dairy	19 Kwenming Road
Wayside Dairy	1543 Tongshan Road
Tuh Shing	East Kashing Road
NORTHERN	DISTRICT.
International Dairy	N. Szechuen Road
Hongkew Dairy	" "
Yong Shu Fong	N Honan Road
Mo Hung Shing	N. Szechuen Road
Ching Kee	N Honan Road
Hong Kee	N Szechuen Road
Pau Chee	N Honan Road
Shing Chee	N. Honan Road
Private Dairy	Range Road
WESTERN	DISTRICT.
The Farm	Siccawei Road
Crawford's Dairy	" "
St. George's Farm	Bubbling Well Road
Swiss Farm	" " "
Culty's Dairy	Route d'Ouner
Lemke's (Private) Dairy	460 Ave. Paul Brunat
Hung Fei's Dairy	Bubbling Well Road
Yuen Sang	" " "
Zee Butler	601 Burkill Road
Gordon Rd. Dairy Co.	1128 Gordon Road
Yui Chong	756 Avenue Road
Fok Kyi	1401 " "
Hop Shing	1 Yu Yuen Road
Nee Shing	Markham Road
Yok Kyi	Medhurst Road
The Dairy Farm and Produce Co.	Siccawei Road

LICENSED BUTCHERS, POULTRY, GAME AND VEGETABLE DEALERS.

Butchers.	Situation.
NORTHERN	DISTRICT.
W. Futterer	1106 Broadway
Fritz Pasche	7 "
R. Neumann	Astor Road
Dzung Yung Chung	72 Tiendong Road
Kyung Yue Shing	671 " "
Tsiang Ka Va	672 " "
Lo Jung	957 Woochang Road
Sieu Kam Cheong	5 and 6 Market Road
Wong Yeek Sang	1457 Woosung Road
Vee Ching Kee	1578 " "
Ah Sing	17 Market Road
A. Böhle	178 Boone Road
CENTRAL	DISTRICT.
Hop Foong	17 Maloo Market
Hong Kee	19 " "
Yeh Tai	27 " "
Tsin Tai	28 " "
Yong Ta	29 " "
Hopkins	1 Ningpo Road
Vegetable and Game.	
CENTRAL	DISTRICT.
Tsao Sung Ling	12 Maloo Market
Lin Yun Kung	14 " "
Tsu Chee Ling	15 " "
Vee Ah Sun	16 " "
Loh Ah Sai	18 " "
Nui Ah Char	26 " "
Zung Tsau Ming	30 " "
Bak Yung Ling	31 " "
Chu Wai Chu	33 " "
NORTHERN	DISTRICT
Tsau Sung Ling	677 Tiendong Road
Yue Ming Kwai	1451 Woosung Road
Vee Fah Kee	182 Market Road
Sau Z. Yoong	32 & 33 Miller Road

Summary of Revenue for June.

Description	Estimate	1909 Number	1909 Amount	1909 Total from January 1.	1908 Number	1908 Amount	1908 Total from January 1.	1907 Number	1907 Amount	1907 Total from January 1.
	Tls.		Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.		Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.		Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.
LAND TAX	685,400	—	23,036.88	342,851.62	—	65,801.53	327,093.21	—	13,466.08	200,892.81
GENERAL MUNICIPAL RATE—										
Foreign	499,800	—	49,700.50	233,183.12	—	61,526.27	194,184.11	—	32,193.45	166,504.01
Native	650,400	—	20,122.44	331,661.69	—	47,400.91	297,515.66	—	30,260.26	267,194.11
WHARFAGE DUES	160,000	—	45,277.88	85,297.71	—	10,858.47	79,387.79	—	48,797.24	93,294.23
LICENSE FEES—										
Foreign Hotel and Tavern	6,500	2	44.00	3,564.01	—	—	2,865.75	1	35.25	2,787.75
Foreign Liquor Seller	18,000	1	26.66	8,666.66	3	93.34	9,283.04	1	20.00	9,419.41
Restaurant	4,700	2	35.00	2,180.00	—	—	2,360.00	—	—	2,390.00
Billiard and Bowling Saloon	700	—	—	282.00	—	—	347.50	—	—	329.00
Native Club	4,000	1	25.00	825.00	—	—	—	—	—	—
Native Lodging-house	6,600	4	7.00	3,565.00	3	4.00	3,057.23	—	—	2,345.60
Native wine-shop	16,000	27	68.50	6,492.50	5	15.50	4,582.96	2	2.18	3,766.85
Tea-shop	7,500	580	750.60	3,852.06	563	464.01	2,791.45	519	436.68	2,647.50
Foreign Theatre	1,800	34	547.50	2,086.50	11	135.00	1,053.00	13	132.00	691.05
Native Theatre	3,600	23	383.00	2,128.00	22	315.00	1,713.00	22	223.00	1,249.50
Pawn-shop	17,000	—	—	8,537.25	—	—	9,154.32	191	4,570.31	9,476.91
Opium-shop	17,000	166	1,887.50	8,233.45	96	368.07	2,126.38	84	332.88	2,212.13
Opium-house	35,000	599	5,629.00	23,783.42	1,389	4,597.76	28,484.90	1,197	5,169.32	31,379.75
Cargo Boat	5,800	610	362.79	2,457.46	784	402.67	2,524.60	765	426.98	2,817.45
Ferry and Passenger Boat	1,100	63	92.93	542.24	71	103.63	539.23	72	104.98	625.14
Steam Launch	2,200	46	67.99	1,107.59	44	63.98	1,090.26	54	78.73	1,097.24
Native Boat	3,700	1,422	253.13	1,658.89	1,580	323.29	1,873.85	1,375	314.40	1,898.40
Sampan	1,500	112	82.54	679.66	132	96.13	743.21	99	72.79	862.72
Private-owned Pony and Carriage	14,500	P. 80 C. 84	355.73	8,072.89	P. 114 C. 62	304.80	7,318.33	C. 125 P. 87	262.02	6,219.01
Livery Stable	26,000	P. 774 C. 605	2,354.41	13,760.62	P. 776 C. 606	2,330.07	14,343.01	P. 823 C. 655	2,529.43	15,291.55
Motor Car	2,500	12	49.00	1,501.00	18	75.12	1,137.34	10	20.20	676.58
Cart	20,000	861	1,401.50	9,249.93	988	1,196.18	8,780.91	1,050	1,322.20	8,922.87
Private-owned Ricsha	38,000	251	253.38	20,152.11	239	431.83	17,064.73	232	231.39	15,590.48
Public Ricsha	107,000	8,321	9,191.48	56,224.38	7,793	8,520.88	54,083.44	8,275	9,128.02	54,830.37
Sedan-chair	5,200	43	95.44	2,260.78	83	70.60	2,807.00	52	101.72	2,873.22
Wheel-barrow	39,000	5,860	2,934.15	18,088.96	6,271	2,482.92	18,216.32	6,448	2,738.37	19,225.32
Firearms	2,700	—	—	1,200.00	—	—	675.00	—	—	—
Dog	1,000	64	47.50	699.52	49	35.72	731.53	189	137.59	551.65
RENT OF MUNICIPAL PROPERTIES—										
Markets	38,000	3,022	3,054.01	18,124.12	2,944	2,967.04	17,438.96	2,466	2,572.14	14,742.46
Town Hall	1,000	—	130.00	570.00	—	20.00	236.95	—	410.00	2,351.00
Firemen's Quarters	2,500	—	223.00	997.00	—	147.00	711.00	—	165.00	739.00
Miscellaneous		—	—	385.75	—	—	—	—	—	—
FROM PUBLIC COMPANIES—										
Gas Co., Ld.	6,000	—	478.13	2,937.17	—	494.32	2,921.04	—	925.44	2,265.54
Mutual Telephone Co., Ld.	3,000	—	—	3,000.00	—	—	—	—	—	—
Electric Construction Co., Ld.	15,000	—	3,877.36	7,688.53	—	3,053.80	3,696.30	—	—	—
Total Tls.	2,469,700		172,825.28	1,238,548.39		244,699.84	1,122,933.51		157,170.05	948,259.61

A. JOHNSFORD, *Overseer of Taxes.*

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The Municipal Gazette.

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AT the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, July 21, 1909, at 4.30 p.m., there are present :

Messrs. D. Landale (*Chairman*)
H. De Gray
F. C. Heffer
W. D. Little
H. A. J. Macray
O. Meuser
J. Prentice
T. E. Trueman
The Secretary and
Assistant Secretary.

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

The minutes of the last meeting are read, confirmed, signed by the Chairman and passed for publication.

Police.

Foreign Branch.—The engagement of J. Freeman and G. G. Haddon as Warders is authorized on nine months probation.

Mixed Court.

Location of Prisoners.—A letter from the Magistrate is submitted, complaining of the transfer of a convict undergoing three years' imprisonment, from the Police Station Cells to the Gaol. In reply it is decided to describe the procedure in force in this respect : to allude to the project for increasing the accommodation at the Gaol ; and to point out that the Captain-Superintendent, the officer responsible for the safe custody of prisoners, enjoys the widest discretion in respect to the arrangements as to their disposition.

Translation of letter from the Mixed Court Magistrate, Pao Yi, to the Captain-Superintendent of Police, dated July 20, 1909.

The Magistrate has to state that he has received a rescript from His Honour the Taotai, with reference to the petition of Chen Ah-tsan on the subject of the alleged false accusation of debt and deficit in shop accounts by Chen Kan-ching against his uncle, Chen Ping-kun, who is stated to have received three years' imprisonment in the Foreign Gaol.

The rescript is to the effect that the statements contained in the petition do not agree with the report of the Court proceedings : and inquires whether, in fact, Lu Ping-kun is or is not Chen Ping-kun : and if the decision of the Court was imprisonment at the Station, with what intention the concerned is actually imprisoned in the Foreign Gaol. The Magistrate is expected thoroughly to investigate these points and reply for consideration.

I therefore addressed a letter to yourself, the Captain-Superintendent, asking for the giving directions that inquiries be made as to whether or not the imprisonment was changed to the Foreign Gaol, and thereafter received your reply stating that judicial powers are in the hands of the Court, but powers of custody are in the hands of the Police. I therefore petitioned in accordance with the circumstances, requesting His Honour the Taotai to consider and give directions in the matter, and have now received his further rescript as follows :—

"The Taotai finds that the Court "should forthwith contest the change "of imprisonment to the Foreign Gaol "in respect to the offender, Chen "Ping-kun, who was sentenced to im-"prisonment in the Police Station ; "and must not recede in the least from "this position.

"The conduct of the detective-runner "formerly deputed by the Court for "duty at the Police Station, in actually "not having reported a matter of mo-"ment such as this is indeed careless and "faulty in respect to important official "work, and is a neglect of duty ; he "should therefore be fined one month's "wages as a light punishment ; the "issue of the pay-order for the third "month has accordingly been directed, "and the Magistrate is required to take "note of its receipt and give orders for "trembling compliance."

In the course of giving directions in this sense I received the petition of Chen Ah-tsan requesting that the matter be contested, and besides making a rescript thereto, I have now to address this letter to you and hope you will take note and direct the Police forthwith to imprison Chen Ping-kun as before in the Police Station, in order to correspond with the decision of the Court and prevent the raising of pretexts. Hoping for a reply, I have herewith to send my compliments.

Council Room,
Shanghai, July 22, 1909.

SIR,—I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of July 20, addressed to the Captain-Superintendent of Police, on the subject of the place of detention of a certain criminal sentenced at the Mixed Court to imprisonment for three years.

In reply thereto, I am to point out that, so far as is possible, all criminals sentenced to imprisonment are incarcerated in the Gaol. The cells at the various Police Stations are limited in extent, and are used only for short sentence prisoners or persons arrested and about to be charged before the Court. In no case is a prisoner held in the Station Cells whose sentence is so long as that in the case in point. It is the Council's intention hereafter, when funds permit, and if the average number of prisoners does not show signs of reduction, to enlarge the accommodation at the Gaol, and still further reduce the number of prisoners at the Stations.

Apart, however, from these considerations, the Council leaves the disposal of sentenced prisoners entirely to the discretion of the Captain-Superintendent, the officer responsible for their safe custody. He in turn is actuated solely by considerations of the good health of the prisoners in his charge, and the economic utilization of their services in detention.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

PAO YI, Esq.,
Mixed Court Magistrate.

"Paulun" Memorial Fund.

A letter from the Chairman of this Fund is read, desiring that it may be invested in Municipal debentures at par. Compliance with this request would, in the Council's opinion, constitute an unfortunate precedent, and in reply it is decided to state with regret that the request cannot be met. Allusion will be made to the fact that it is intended to propose in the Budget for 1910 an annual grant-in-aid for the "Paulun" Memorial Hospital.

Municipal Properties.

Range Road Depot.—Details and plans are submitted by the Engineer, supported by the recommendation of the Captain Superintendent of Police, as to the proposed re-arrangement of the Concreteware Yard, and, in particular, the erection of a boundary wall in reinforced concrete, round the eastern portion of the property at a total estimated cost of Tls. 5,700.

Consideration is given to an alternative scheme for extending the wall to include the whole of the Depot site, but, since the present project is designed primarily to facilitate control of the convicts at work, while providing

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more effectually against escape, and as the Concreteware Store, the Carpenters' Shops, and other works on the west of the property require continuous access by the public, it is decided, under the circumstances, to proceed with the erection of the wall in the position originally proposed, The work will be carried out entirely with convict labour.

Road Extensions and Widenings.

Wuchow Road.—In regard to the scheduled strip of an unregistered lot on the east side of this road, in the ownership of the Lu Pan Temple, acceptance is authorized of the offer of the Temple authorities to surrender the Mow 0.095 required at the rate of Tls. 500 per mow, or a total of Tls. 47.50.

Macao Road—Upon the recommendation of the Engineer the construction is authorized of two concrete culverts adjoining the Gordon and Tonquin Roads at an estimated cost of Tls. 800.

Electricity Department.

Electricity Committee.—The resignation by Mr. J. Grant Mackenzie of his seat on the Committee is forwarded, as a result of his approaching departure for England, and in reply the Council's regret at the necessity for this step will be expressed. It is noted that Mr. Mackenzie will continue his services during this and the ensuing month or until the appointment of his successor.

The minutes of the meeting of the Electricity Committee of July 16 are read and confirmed. There were present:—

Messrs. E. C. Pearce (*Chairman*)
J. Grant Mackenzie
G. Wuilleumier
The Electrical Engineer and
The Secretary.

The following are ordered for publication:—

Goods Lift.—It is decided to advertise locally for tenders for a goods lift for the new godown. It is noted that no provision is contained in the estimates for this purpose, but inasmuch as the estimate for the storage battery and booster shows a balance over actual cost of £1,300, due to purchase of a smaller battery, the Committee sanctions the proposal.

Pressure Water Filter.—It is decided to purchase this device from the local agents of Messrs. Mather and Platt, the makers, at an estimated cost of £144.

Additional High Tension Feeder Switchgear.—The order for switchgear required for the remaining two feeders at a total cost of £70 is authorized to be placed with the British Westinghouse Co., being the makers of that formerly supplied; the order will go through Messrs. Preece and Cardew.

Poles and Framework for High Tension Feeder.—Four tenders for this work are submitted, and upon the recommendation of the Engineer, that of the Vulcan Ironworks, Ld. at Tls. 437, being the lowest received, is authorised for acceptance.

Indents.—An order on the General Electric Company (Indent No. 792) is approved, for 36 high candle power Osram lamps for experimental use in the streets.

Monthly Reports.—That for April and May is submitted and authorized for publication as usual. Therein is contained no matter calling for special comment.

Ratepayers' Meetings.

Rules of Procedure.—The report of the Special Committee appointed for the discussion of this subject, with a draft of new Rules, is submitted, and it is decided to convey the Council's thanks to the members of the Committee for their labours. The recommendations will be submitted in the first place to the Legal Advisers for an opinion as to their compliance with the Land Regulations, and thereafter they will be published, with such comment by the Council as appears necessary, and introduced for discussion if possible at a Special Ratepayers' Meeting in the Autumn.

Gas Company Arbitration.

The final award of the Arbitrator is forwarded by the Legal Adviser and ordered for publication:—

Before F. S. A. Bourne, Esq., C.M.G., Sitting as Arbitrator. and F. W. W. Valpy, Esq., C.E., Assessor.

THE SHANGHAI GAS CO., LD.

versus

THE COUNCIL FOR THE FOREIGN COMMUNITY OF SHANGHAI.

Supplemental Award.

By my award in this arbitration dated 24th day of August, 1908, I stated at the request of the parties the principles which should determine the remedy to which the Gas Co. were entitled as follows:—"The Gas Co. "should be as far as possible put at the "expense of the Council in as good a "position as they would have been in "if the question of what ought to have "been done in regard to the tramway "line and the Gas Co.'s main in the "Canton Road had been referred to an "arbitrator before the tramway track "was laid, provided that such arbitrator "shall be taken to have considered in "making his award first the public "interest and public safety and then "the interest of the two companies "concerned, and to have determined the "course the tramway line and the gas "main could most economically follow by "considering the space available in the "Canton Road for all public and "semi-public uses, putting the gas "main as nearly as local conditions "admit in as favourable a position as it "was in before the Tramway Co. laid "the track, the Gas Co. being charged "with any gain that might accrue to "them through any change ordered, "and not being allowed anything on "account of greater difficulty of access "to their main where greater difficulty "of access was unavoidable looking to "the public interest and local conditions. "The Council should not be looked "upon as insuring to the Gas Co. as "great advantages as they had before "the advent of the Tramway Co., "but as affording them as much as "public safety requires and as existing "conditions will reasonably admit."

The parties having failed to agree, and the technical question of what relief the Gas Co. ought to get having been referred back to me as Arbitrator, assisted by Mr. Valpy as technical Assessor, now know ye that I, Frederick Samuel Augustus Bourne, having taken upon me the burden of the said arbitration and having heard and duly considered all the allegations and evidence of the said respective parties of and concerning the said matters in difference so referred as aforesaid, do make and publish this my award in writing of and concerning the said matters so referred to me as follows:—

1.—It is agreed that the Gas Co.'s main lying under the tramway line ought not to be disturbed: but the parties differ as to measure of relief that the Gas Co. ought to get at the expense of the Council. The Gas Co. contend that a new main ought to be constructed on the other (the north) side of the Canton Road and that it ought to be duplicated in certain places by smaller mains on the opposite side of the road, all at the expense of the Council, while the Council contend that public safety will be secured and the reasonable claims of the Gas Co. met if a new main be constructed on the north side of the road between the crossing of the Kiangse road and a point 194 feet beyond the Honan Road (see Plan, Exhibit 14).

2.—Now on the above principles I ought first to consider whether the Council's proposal offers enough to meet the necessities of the case. Mr. Valpy considers that it does not, for the reason that there ought to be at least two feet of filling between the gas main and the lower edge of the concrete under the tram rails, and on the Council's proposal this is only given for about 380 feet of the whole distance in question. The reason why not less than two feet should be allowed below the concrete is, apart altogether from danger of electrolysis, that any less distance will not afford workmen room for the operation of connecting service pipes and executing repairs without breaking up the concrete bed.

3.—I ought next to consider whether the Gas Co.'s proposal asks too much. Mr. Valpy thinks it does, for the reason that the 4-in. main the Gas Co. proposes at certain places on the south side of the Canton Road would put the Gas Co. in a very much better

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position than it can reasonably claim at the expense of the Council for there would result a great saving of excavation and also in the length of service pipes. The Gas Co. also propose in places a larger main than the existing one which is more than they ought to get at the Council's expense.

4.—Mr. Valpy agrees with me that if this case had arisen in England, the gas main would have been lowered so as to allow two feet of filling under the tram bed concrete or removed to the other side of the street before the tramway was constructed. Now that the tramway is laid it is practically impossible to lower the gas main in situ and the only course is to put down a new main on the other side of the road. There are only two short distances of the existing main, measuring 380 feet in all that have two feet of filling under the concrete and therefore could remain: but to use them would involve crossing the road f ur times, which Mr. Valpy considers not worth while looking to all the conditions.

5.—In view, of the above considerations I hereby award and order that at the cost of the Council a new gas main shall be provided and laid on the north side of the Canton Road between the Bund and the Fokien Road on the line which excavation shall show to be most convenient, and that all the material, including lengthening of service pipes, and work necessary thereto be provided by the Council. If the Gas Co. wish to lay a larger main than the existing one they must pay the excess of cost plus 10 per cent of the cost to the Council of a main corresponding in size to the existing one. The small mains on the south proposed by the Gas Co. and shown on plan (Exhibit 18) ought to be allowed by the Council on the terms that the Gas Co. defray the cost of these smaller mains and of their connexions and of all the labour and material required in their construction, supposing the Gas Co. apply for the Council's leave. The reason why we think this leave should be given is the difficulty of avoiding the main sewer. This ought not to be considered a precedent for allowing gas mains under the side walks—each case ought to be judged on its merits.

6.—And I further award and order that the Council pay to the Gas Co. half its costs of this supplemental arbitration and that the Council pay three-fourths and the Gas Co. one-fourth of the fees of the Arbitrator and of the Assessor.

In witness whereof I have hereunder subscribed my name this 21st day of July, 1909.

F. S. A. Bourne,
Arbitrator.

Signed and published by the said F. S. A. Bourne in the presence of

H. H. Bristow,
Vice-Consul,
H.M. Consulate-General,
Shanghai.

The meeting adjourns at 5.45 p.m.

The following documents are ordered for publication with the foregoing minutes:—

Public Band.

The performances during next week will (weather permitting) be as follows:

Mon.	Aug. 2,	9.00 p.m.	Public Garden
Tues.	„ 3,	9.00 „	Ho gkew Recreation Ground
Wed.	„ 4,	5.30 „	Public Garden
Thurs.	„ 5,	9.00 „	Public Garde i
Fri.	„ 6,	5.30 „	Hongkew Recreation Ground
Sat.	„ 7,	5.00 „	Public Recreation Groun '
		9.00 „	Public Garden

Volunteers.

CORPS ORDERS.

No. 117. Board of Examination—A Board of Examination will assemble at the Head-Quarters Office at 2 p.m. on Tuesday next, July 27, for the purpose of examining certain candidates, in Subject (a), for Commissions and Promotion.

PRESIDENT.

Lieut-Colonel A. A. S. Barnes, Commandant, S. V. Corps.

MEMBERS.

Major T. E. Trueman, Commanding Infantry Battalion. Lieutenant C. H. Godfrey, Commanding Engineer Company.

No. 118. Ammunition—Order No. 62 of March 18, 1909 is cancelled. A limited amount of S. A. ammunition may now be purchased at the Orderly Room by each member of the Corps returned efficient for 1908-1909.

A. A. S. Barnes,
Lieutenant Colonel, Commanding
Shanghai Volunteer Corps.

Notification of Infectious Disease.

The following have been reported during the week ending Sunday, July 25, 1909.	Death among Chinese population of 550,000	Cases notified among Non-Chinese population of 15,000.
Small-pox.	0	0
Cholera.	0	0
Typhoid Fever	—	0
Diphtheria.	1	0
Scarlet Fever.	0	0
Tuberculosis	32	0
Plague	0	0
Total Deaths from all Causes	218	5

Arthur Stanley,
Health Officer.

Summary of Plague Prevention Work during the week ending July 25, 1909.

	District				Total
	Eastern	Northern	Central	Western	
Rats found dead and brought to the Laboratory for examination	53	61	104	23	241
Rats plague infected	0	0	0	0	0
No. of traps in operation	2409	1920	902	395	5617
No. of rats trapped and burnt	596	945	256	248	2045
Poisoned baits laid	0	1000	2220	285	3505
Houses temporarily rat-proofed and disinfected under notice to occupier	126	82	57	0	265
Houses rat-proofed under notice to owner	0	0	0	0	0
Persons vaccinated against plague	0	0	0	0	0

Arthur Stanley,
Health Officer

Electrical Engineer's Report for April and May.

Generation.—The plant in the station has been maintained in good order and has been operating satisfactorily.

No. 6 (Parsons) turbine was recommissioned May 18. The copper damping plates fitted to the rotor poles have effected an appreciable reduction in the temperature rise of the alternator. On May 23 No. 4 (Ferranti) engine was shut down for thorough overhaul.

The concrete cubicles which have been built in the switch room to accommodate the new high-tension feeder switchgear, supplied by the British Westinghouse Co., have been completed and the switchgear erected.

Distribution.

High-tension Feeders extended:—

	Yards.	Insulated cable.
Jansen Road	220	.022
North Thibet Road...	233	.159
	453	

High-tension Feeders enlarged:—

	Yards.	Insulated cable.
Gordon Road	4,991	.060
N. Soochow, N. Szechuen, Quinsan and Yuhang Roads ...	4,710	.124
	9,701	

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Low-tension Distributors extended :—

	yds.	bare cable
North Chekiang Road..	840	.060
do.	412	.034
Fearon Road	448	.034
do.	260	.022
Yuen Fong Road ...	180	.022
New Engineering and Shipbuilding Yard..	490	.060
Connaught Road... ...	930	.022
Jansen Road	146	.060
do.	288	.159
Markham Road	1240	.034
Yangtszepoo Road ...	448	.022
Peking Road	388	.037
500 volt D.C. Circuit extended Broadway and Astor Road ...	1,130	.060
	7,200 yds.	

Low-tension Distributors enlarged :—

	yds.	bare cable
Baikal Road	245	.034
Foochow Road	680	.159
do.	322	.094
North Honan Road ...	500	.094
	1,747	

Public Lighting.—The following wire was run for :—

Arc circuits 8,415 yds. .020 bare wire.

Incandescent circuits 8,753 yds. .012 bare wire.

Additional Lamps connected :—

42 a c lamps.

18 metallic filament lamps.

Sub-Stations.—Sub-Station at Ewo Mill enlarged :—

1—10 K.W. transformer replaced by 1—20 K.W.

General Hospital sub-station enlarged :—

1—15 K.W. transformer replaced by 1—30 K.W.

New Engineering and Shipbuilding Co. new sub-station fitted up complete with 1—30 K.W. transformer.

A new sub-station of 100 K.W. capacity was fitted up complete to supply a Rice Mill with power for motors of 90 horse-power. An additional 8 K.W. G.E.C. transformer was connected up at Bubbling Well Police Station sub-station to supply metallic filament street lamps.

Poles.—

New poles erected	April	...122
,, ,, ,,	May	 89
Old poles renewed	April	... 27
,, ,, ,,	May	 7

House Services.—

35 house service connexions in April.
44 ,, ,, May.

Lamp Additions.—

975 equivalent 30 watt lamps were disconnected from the mains in April.

2,092 equivalent 30 watt lamps were added to the mains in May.

Motors.—Additional motors connected to the mains :—

April	1.5	H.P.
May	54.92	,,

Oil.—The oil consumption was 160 gallons in April and 160 gallons in May.

Water.—The quantity of town water used was April 1,947,000 gallons and May 1,645,000 gallons.

Units generated.—

	1909	1908
April	518,981	389,092
May	494,230	410,407

Units sold and accounted for.—

	1909	1908
April	457,530	345,350
May	424,965	356,014

Ratio.—The ratio between Units Generated and Units Sold was :—

	1909	1908
April	88.16%	88.75%
May	85.98 ,,	86.74 ,,

Coal.—The coal used was :—

	1909	1908
April	1,374 tons	1,076 tons
May	1,282 ,,	1,038 ,,

The coal per unit generated :—

	1909	1908
April	5.93-lb.	6.19-lb.
May	5.81 ,,	5.67 ,,

The coal per unit sold and accounted for :—

	1909	1908
April	6.73-lb.	6.97-lb.
May	6.76 ,,	6.63 ,,

COMPARATIVE TABLE.

	1909	1908	
Total lamps connected	179,576	149,477	April.
Motors horse power	553.7	399.7	
Units generated	518,981	389,092	
Units sold	457,530	345,350	
Private lighting	199,451	194,768	
Public lighting	44,326	31,974	
Power	20,696	10,677	
Traction	170,737	90,987	
Used at Works	22,320	16,944	
Ratio	88.16	88.75	
Coal per unit generated	5.93	6.19	
Coal per unit sold	6.73	6.97	
Revenue	39,201	35,951	
Expenditure	35,868	29,622	
Profit	3,333	6,329	
Total profit to date	29,570	25,106	
Total lamps connected	181,688	153,825	May.
Motors horse power	608.62	406.7	
Units generated	494,230	410,407	
Units sold	424,965	356,014	
Private lighting	175,766	165,583	
Public lighting	44,489	30,972	
Power	21,703	11,686	
Traction	161,025	131,673	
Used at Works	21,982	16,100	
Ratio	85.98	86.74	
Coal per unit generated	5.81	5.67	
Coal per unit sold	6.76	6.53	
Revenue	35,976	34,411	
Expenditure	35,910	30,663	
Profit	66	3,748	
Total profit to date	29,638	28,854	

Financial.—It will be observed that there is a falling off in the profit as compared with the three preceding months. The profit for April is Tls. 3,333 and for May Tls. 66 only. These figures do not compare well with last year's but the reduced rates for both private and public lighting, and power, are responsible to a large extent. Results would have been better had No. 6 turbine not been out of commission ; the difference in the coal bill would have been over Tls. 600 less.

General.—The erection of the Paterson grease extracting plant is completed and the apparatus will shortly be put into use.

Further encouraging inquiries have been recently received for supply of power to large consumers including another for 100 horse-power for mill work.

Metallic Filament lamps are steadily finding increased favour. It is doubtful whether there are enough yet connected to make any appreciable difference to the demand on the Generating Station.

T. H. U. ALDRIDGE,
Electrical Engineer.

Native Press.

JUDGMENT IN THE CASE AGAINST THE NATIONAL HERALD.

In this case the Shanghai Municipal Council prosecute the National Herald for publishing certain articles about Indians which articles are alleged to be directed, not against certain individual criminals, but against the whole Indian Community thereby endangering the peace and good order of the Settlement. The defence set up is that these articles in fact refer only to individual Indians who had been guilty of certain crimes of violence.

The decision of the Court is that it is not clearly stated in the articles in question that they are directed solely against the said criminals, and even were they so directed, they are nevertheless couched in language of unjustifiable violence, and it is for these reasons that defendants are brought before the Court.

Taking into consideration the fact that the National Herald was willing to publish an apology for these articles the Court feels able to pursue a lenient policy on the present occasion. It is therefore hereby adjudged that the National Herald shall publish the text of this judgment together with an apology on 3 separate occasions during the next week so as to dispel in the most public manner possible any erroneous notions of which they may have been the cause. The National Herald is further cautioned for the future to keep strictly within the bounds of propriety in discussing items of news and to beware of becoming involved in trouble by the use of reckless and careless language.

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MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION.

No. 1978.

THE following amended licence condition will be enforced from September 1, 1909:—

XX. LIVERY STABLE.

9.—That between sunset and sunrise each vehicle carry two lighted lamps, one on either side shewing white in front and red behind and that the licence number be clearly painted on the outside of the lamps and remain at all times legible and undefaced.

By order,

W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

Council Room,
Shanghai, July 12, 1909.

MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION.

No. 1982.

ELECTRICITY DEPARTMENT.

THE Council is prepared to receive tenders for the following:—

A. The supply and delivery at the Electricity Works c.i.f. duty paid of 9700 Carbon Filament Incandescent Lamps.

B. The supply and delivery at the Electricity Works c.i.f. duty paid of 23,250 Metallic Filament Lamps.

C. The supply, delivery and erection at the Electricity Works, c.i.f. duty paid, of an Electric Goods Lift, capable of raising and lowering a load of 2½ tons.

Conditions, specifications, forms of tender and all necessary information may be obtained upon application to the Electrical Engineer, Mr. T. H. U. Aldridge, at the Works, 31 Fearon Road.

A charge of Tls. 25 will be made for each specification, which will be returned upon the receipt of a *bonâ fide* tender.

Sealed tenders will be received by the undersigned as follows:—

A. marked "Tender for Carbon Lamps" not later than noon on Thursday, September 30, 1909.

B. marked "Tender for Metallic Lamps," not later than noon on Thursday, September 30, 1909.

C. marked "Tender for Electric Lift," not later than noon on Monday, August 9, 1909.

The Council does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender, or to pay any expenses which the contractor may incur in tendering.

The names of tenderers, with the prices quoted, will be published for general information.

By order,

W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

Council Room,
Shanghai, July 30, 1909.

AT the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, July 28, 1909, at 4.30 p.m., there are present:

Messrs. D. Landale (*Chairman*)
H. De Gray
F. C. Heffer
W. D. Little
H. A. J. Macray
O. Meuser
J. Prentice
T. E. Trueman
The Secretary and
Assistant Secretary.

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

The minutes of the last meeting are read, confirmed, signed by the Chairman and passed for publication.

Volunteers.

Company Headquarters.—In reply to the Council's application, a letter from H.M. Consul-General is read recording his assent to a proposal whereby the Consular Gaol in Amoy Road will, upon occasions when the Corps is mobilised, be made use of as one of a number of Company Headquarters.

Police.

Sikh Branch.—Sergeant No. 56, Budha Singh, is promoted to be Sergeant-Major with effect from August 1.

Constable No. 55, Narian Singh, is discharged invalided with effect from July 28.

"Alhambra."

A letter from the Spanish Consul is read, stating the new conditions upon which he is permitting a Spanish subject to continue this institution as a house of public entertainment. These include the prohibition of opium smoking and gambling, and it is noted that the Police will have access to the premises at any time:—

Shanghai, July 23, 1909.

SIR,—I have the honour to inform you that the Spanish subject, Mr. Enrique Garcia Hidalgo, has expressed to me his desire to exploit the "Alhambra Gardens," Siccawei Road, an establishment for recreation, and I have granted to him the authorization according to Spanish Law under the following conditions:—

That this establishment shall not conduct any smoking of opium, any game for money or any game of chance or hazard.

That no piece or song, nor any scene on the cinematograph of an obscene character shall be permitted.

That the Police of the Foreign Settlement, to whom I will delegate my powers, shall have free access at any hour to the said establishment.

I beg to enclose herewith copy of the permit granted to Mr. Hidalgo.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,
CARLOS DE SOSTOA.
Consul for Spain.

D. LANDALE, Esq.,
Chairman, Municipal Council.

Council Room,
Shanghai, July 29, 1909.

SIR,—I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of July 23, communicating to the Council the terms upon which you have authorized the continuation of the "Alhambra Gardens" as a place of public entertainment.

This institution has been, as you are doubtless aware, a source of continual anxiety to the Council for many years, and in expressing the members' appreciation of the action which you have taken in the matter, I have the honour to state that the Police have received such instructions as will lead to compliance with the conditions which you have imposed.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,
DAVID LANDALE,
Chairman.

C. DE SOSTOA, Esq.,
Consul for Spain.

Native Press.

Case of the National Herald.—The judgment of the Mixed Court in the recent case in regard to abuse of Sikhs, forwarded by the Legal Adviser, is ordered for publication.

Mixed Court.

Inquests.—The Police Report of July 25 notes the collapse of a kitchen at No. 9 Sungkiang Road, and the death of one of the five servants who were buried in the débris. It is further

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stated that the City Magistrate has declined to hold an inquest on the body of the deceased, upon the grounds that the relatives did not wish it. It is decided to notify this breach of the understanding recorded in September last for the information of the Consular Body.

Accounts.

Office Staff.—With regard to the third chartered accountant to be appointed in England, the suggestion is adopted that the selection be placed in the hands of Mr. F. W. Lord of the firm of Newson-Smith, Lord & Mundy, 37 Walbrook. The transfer to the Accounts Office of Mr. Macphail, at present employed in the Public Works Department until the return of Mr. Thurnheer from leave, is approved.

Road Extensions and Widenings.

Peking Road. — The following letter contains the terms upon which the widening of this road will be effected ex Cadastral lot 467 :—

Shanghai, July 21, 1909.

Dear Sir,—With reference to the strip, in area Mow 0.055, required from Cad. lot 467 C., by the Municipal Council for the purposes of the Peking Road widening, we beg to inform you that we are willing to surrender the strip in question for the sum of Shanghai Taels two thousand four hundred and eighty-two (Tls. 2,482), the details of our claim being as follows :—

Mow 0.055 at Tls. 18,000 per mow.....	Tls.	990
Plus 10 per cent for compulsory surrender		99
		1,089
Less one-third for betterment		363
		726
Plus loss of rent during rebuilding		156
		882
Plus cost of rebuilding ...		1,600
	Tls.	2,482

We shall be glad to know if this claim is accepted by the Municipal Council.

Yours faithfully,
Davies & Thomas.

C. H. Godfrey, Esq.,
Acting Municipal Engineer.

Kuling Road.—The condition of this road between the West Thibet and Park Roads has formed the subject of a report by the Municipal Engineer, in which allusion is made to the fact that its construction has remained in abeyance since 1903. The road is at present closed to through traffic and is generally in a most unsatisfactory state. Negotiations have accordingly been entered into with the various frontage owners with a view to proceeding with the construction without further delay, and the claim for compensation made by the Yokohama Specie Bank, Ld., in respect to Cadastral lot 78, will be referred to the Land Commission for settlement in terms of the following correspondence :—

Shanghai, November 6, 1905.

Sir,—We, the undersigned, residents on the Kuling Road, in the Western District, beg to call your attention to the unsatisfactory condition of the Kuling Road from the Defence Creek running West. This road is always filled with building material and we are unable to ascertain to whom it belongs. The road is in places in wet weather quite unpassable and has been for many months inaccessible to carriage traffic. We may also point out that there is no public lighting the whole length of the road. The neighbourhood has, during the last twelve months, been rapidly built upon and we shall feel obliged if you will take steps to have the matter remedied.

Kindly address all communications on this subject to care of Mr. Yih Ming-tsah, Compradore, Yokohama Specie Bank, Ld.

We are, Sir,

Respectfully yours,

Yih Ming Tsah
Y. K. Zee Sih Vang
W. Tsun Ko
Yung Sha Shing
Wo Dick Lang
C. R. Changdanyun
Chang Ling Kwai
Kiang Maz Sun
Doy Sui La
Sun Choh Fong
Lu Ka Zay.

W. E. Leveson, Esq.,
Acting Secretary, Municipal Council.

Council Room,
Shanghai, November 24, 1905.

Sir,—With reference to the letter of the 6th instant signed by yourself and others on the subject of the condition of the Kuling Road, I am directed to inform you that the present state of affairs is due to the fact that land scheduled for the completion of the road lying between Cadastral lots 76 and 78 is not yet surrendered for public purposes. The Council understands that you are the beneficial owner of this property, and directs me to state that so soon as the necessary strip of land is surrendered, the making up and lighting of the road will be proceeded with.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

W. E. Leveson,
Acting Secretary.

Yih Ming-tsah, Esq.,
Compradore,
Yokohama Specie Bank, Ld.

Shanghai, May 21, 1909.

Dear Sir,—We beg to acknowledge receipt of your favour of May 17 and in reply, we are requested by the beneficiary owner to state that he is prepared to surrender the required strip of Mow 0.322 ex B.C. Lot 4435 at the Council's assessed value of Tls. 9,000 per mow, plus the usual 10 per cent for compulsory surrender, and without reduction.

We are, Dear Sir,
Yours faithfully,
The Yokohama Specie Bank, Ld.,
H. Mitsu,
p. Manager.

Chas. H. Godfrey, Esq.,
Deputy Engineer & Surveyor,

Council Room,
Shanghai, June 22, 1909.

Gentlemen,—I am directed to refer to your letter of May 21, addressed to the Deputy Municipal Engineer, on the subject of the extension of the Kuling Road through Cadastral lot 78.

In reply I am directed in the first place to point out that so long ago as November 1905 it was pointed out to Mr. Yih Ming-tsah and certain residents in this road in a letter (copy of which I enclose herewith) that its unsatisfactory condition was due to the fact that the necessary land had not been surrendered for public use. At that date it was evident that unless the road was made up and lighted no proper development of the adjoining property could result, but this has been accentuated by the lapse of time, and in fixing the compensation payable this consideration is of the first importance. The Council might, therefore, with justice adhere to the course outlined in the enclosed letter, by requiring a free surrender, were it not that, owing to alterations of the original boundaries of the property, the whole of the road land at this point is scheduled from Lot 78.

I am directed, however, to state that the Council is prepared to pay compensation for one-third of the total area required, about Mow 0.107, in accordance with your claim, viz., at the assessed value plus 10 per cent, or a sum of Tls. 1,063, and with regard to the remainder, I am to express the hope that you will be willing to make a free surrender in recognition of the undoubted betterment which will result.

If this counter-offer is considered unacceptable it appears preferable that the matter be referred to the Land Commission for settlement without delay.

I am, Gentlemen,
Your obedient servant,
J. B. Mackinnon,
Assistant Secretary.

The Yokohama Specie Bank, Ld.

Council Room,
Shanghai, July 19, 1909.

Sir,—I am directed to request that you will be so good as to reply at your early convenience to my letter of June 22 upon the subject of the extension of the Kuling Road through Cadastral lot 78.

The Council is desirous of concluding negotiations with the several owners concerned, in order that the road may be completed as soon as possible.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
W. E. Leveson,
Secretary.

The Manager,
The Yokohama Specie Bank, Ld.

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Shanghai, July 20, 1909.

SIR,—We beg to acknowledge receipt of your favours of 22nd ultimo and this date on the subject of the extension of the Kuling Road through Cadastral lot 78.

In reply we are requested by the beneficial owner to state that he is not prepared to accept your counter-offer on the ground that the betterment pointed out by you will not be to his benefit in any great measure. We are to add that he would only agree to surrender the required area on the terms set forth in our foregoing letter, viz., at the full assessed value plus 10 per cent.

We are, Sir,
Your obedient servant's,
THE YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK, LD.,
S. K. SUZUKI,
Manager.

W. E. LEVESON, Esq.,
Secretary, Municipal Council.

Shanghai, July 30, 1909.

SIR,—I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of July 20, with reference to the extension of the Kuling Road through Cadastral lot 78, and, in reply thereto, to state that since you are unwilling to accept the Council's counter-offer the compensation payable must be determined by the Land Commission.

Plans will accordingly be prepared for your approval and notice of the next sitting of the Commission will be conveyed to you in due course, but since it is improbable that this will be held for some months, I am to request that you will be good enough, in the meantime, to assent to the work of road construction proceeding without further delay.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

S. K. SUZUKI, Esq.,
Manager,
The Yokohama Specie Bank, Ld.

Electric and Telephone Poles.

Correspondence is submitted on the subject of the position of the telephone poles in the Tongshan and Yangtszepoo Roads, which are on the side of the road usually reserved for the poles of the Electricity Department. The Council endorses the view that it is desirable that a definite plan be followed in this matter, and officially records the decision that for the future telephone poles shall be upon the south and east side of the roads, the electric poles being on the north and west. The careful attention of the departments concerned will be directed to this ruling, and, in the present cases, it appears to the members fair that the cost of moving the telephone poles in question be borne by the Council. It is decided that one-half of the cost only shall be charged to the Electricity Department.

Electricity Department.

Electricity Committee.—It is decided to request Mr. A. H. Collinson to accept the Council's nomination for the vacancy in the Electricity Committee, caused by the resignation of Mr. Mackenzie.

Tramways.

Yangkingpang Bridges.—With reference to the correspondence between July 20, 1907, and March 27, 1908, published in the Gazette for April 2 ensuing, the following further letters show how this matter at present stands :—

Translation of letter from the Chief Engineer of the French Council to the Municipal Engineer, dated May 7, 1909.

DEAR SIR,—We have been approached by our French Tramway Company with a request for some temporary measure for enlarging and strengthening the Bund Bridge, with a view to quickly securing for the two companies that linking up of traffic upon which they are in agreement.

We have the honour to request that you will grant us an interview that we may come to an understanding with regard to the execution of this work.

It is quite understood that as soon as this temporary work has been carried out we shall proceed with the necessary plans for the permanent bridge, these plans we will previously submit to the two companies interested in order that we may proceed in thorough agreement upon the above understanding.

Our meeting would have for its object :—

(1) To determine whether we are in complete agreement about the strengthening of the Rue Hué Bridge in accordance with the accompanying plan.

(2) Whether we are in agreement upon the erection of two footways of a width in accordance with the accompanying plan. We have received a contractor's estimate.

(3) We consider the strengthening of the bridge perpendicularly beneath the tramway line to be necessary, and we shall be obliged if you will inform us as to the measures which appear to you to be suitable. We will then come to an understanding as to the execution.

I am, Sir, etc.,
ARNOULD,
Chief Engineer to the French Council.

C. MAYNE, Esq.,
Municipal Engineer.

Council Room,
Shanghai, May 28, 1909.

SIR,—I am directed to refer to the letter of May 7 addressed to the Municipal Engineer by the Engineer of the French Council, containing proposals for the temporary widening and strengthening of the Bund Bridge over the Yangkingpang, and, in reply thereto, to state that the Council is fully in sympathy with the Tramway companies in their wish to secure as soon as possible inter-communication between the two systems by way of the Bund. The opinion, however, prevails that temporary measures such as are now proposed should not be sanctioned until the permanent work is in a fair way towards completion.

I am to point out that the delay which has taken place in this matter has not been due to any lack of co-operation on the Council's part, and that the work of construction should have been well in hand ere this. The Council cannot but feel that the Tramway companies must suffer by this delay and also that considerable inconvenience must result to the general public.

I am therefore directed to request that plans of the completed work may be submitted for approval as soon as possible.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

G. LAFERRIERE, Esq.,
Secretary, French Municipal Council.

Translation of letter from the French Council dated June 19, 1909.

SIR,—As a result of verbal interviews between our Engineer-in-chief and Mr. Mayne, and in answer to your letter of May 28, on the subject of the work to be performed on the Bund Bridge in order to permit joint running of the two Tramway companies, I am directed to inform you that the French Council desires to know by an official letter from the Municipal Council if it should consider the reserve mentioned in its letter of May 9, 1908, and as to which allusion has so far only been made incidentally in the Municipal Gazette, should be maintained.

So far as the work to be undertaken is concerned, our Engineer is ready to submit a scheme for a new bridge in concrete of 13 metres span and 27.50 metres in width, of which the construction will in no respect modify existing conditions for navigation.

The expense which should result from its execution is estimated at about Tls. 60,000, and the Council is disposed to direct its Engineer to confer with the Council's Engineer if these proposals are accepted.

I am, Sir, etc.,
G. LAFERRIERE,
Secretary.

W. E. LEVESON, Esq.,
Secretary, Municipal Council.

Council Room,
Shanghai, June 28, 1909.

SIR.—I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of June 19 on the subject of my letter of May 9, 1908, and the question of running powers for the French Company over certain portions of the tramway track in the Settlement, and improvement of the Bund Bridge.

In reply, I am directed to refer to the minutes of the meeting, between the Sub-Committee of the Council and the Local Board, held on January 11, 1909, and recorded in the Municipal

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Gazette dated January 21, wherefrom it will be noted that the chief points of uncertainty as to this question have been disposed of.

The Council, however, is unwilling to give its formal assent to inter-communication pending clear ratification of the arrangement as to payment of one-fourth share of the expenditure on the Bund Bridge by the French Council and the French Tramway Company, in accordance with the closing paragraph of the Council's letter of March 27, 1908, and pending definite and final understanding as to the construction and cost of the improvement.

I am further directed, with reference to the scheme now put forward for a bridge in concrete of 13 metres span and 27.50 metres in width at a cost of Tls. 60,000, to request that plans and estimates be forwarded for the Council's consideration with such comment as will show the reason for increasing the estimated expenditure as mentioned in the minutes of the special meeting to which I have referred, Tls. 40,000 for the enlargement and strengthening of the existing bridge.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. B. MACKINNON,
Assistant Secretary.

G. LAFERRIERE, Esq.,
Secretary,
French Municipal Council.

Translation of letter from the French Council dated July 24, 1909.

SIR,—I have the honour to communicate to you hereunder the information which you have asked with reference to the reasons which have led, after examination, to the abandonment of the project of the strengthening of the No. 1 Bridge on the Bund, and construction of a second bridge at the side thereof.

Before putting into execution the first scheme, adopted by the French Council of 1908, the Council sitting this year required from its new Chief Engineer, Mr. Arnould, formerly Assistant Lecturer in Statics at the "Ecole Centrale des Arts et Manufactures de France," a report as to the value of the present bridge on the Bund, with a view to ascertaining if the proposed strengthening of this bridge would not be by way of provisional expenditure.

The survey made by the Chief Engineer brought about this result:—

1.—That the bridge was not constructed to permit passage of heavy weights.

2.—That the rivets of the cross-girders on the side-beams did not provide much security.

3.—That the reinforcement of the bridge by girders placed on the right of the side-beams and below the cross-girders would diminish the height of the bridge above high tides.

4.—That the strengthening of the bridge could only produce a temporary solution for a few years.

5.—That the juxtaposition of a second bridge by the side of the first, would cut the fine perspective of the Bund by two unsightly side-beams.

The Engineer concluded that the only really logical solution would be the construction of a completely new bridge.

Such are the reasons which have brought the French Council to abandon the scheme, at first sight economical, of strengthening the present bridge and placing a second one at the side thereof. With a view to reconciling the necessary expense of the new bridge with the interests concerned, the Chief Engineer submitted at once to the French Council the idea of planning a bridge in concrete.

A first survey of the question has brought about the result that a bridge such as this, 13 metres in span and 27.50 metres in width, would not cost more than Tls. 60,000, and, as the French Council has already explained to the Municipal Council, it has already a firm offer from a specialist Engineer to construct this bridge for the above sum, in conformity with the tariff of charges for bridges and main roads of the Ministry for Public Works in French.

After a short delay we will forward to you block plans and section plans of this bridge.

The Chief Engineer states that the calculations for works in concrete have not yet been communicated by one Engineer to the other; classical methods, as for the calculations of graphical statics, do not yet exist, but if the principle of a bridge in concrete is adopted, the Engineer who has made an offer to construct the bridge for Tls. 60,000, undertakes beforehand to submit his calculations to the verification of the Engineer and Surveyor of the Foreign Settlement.

On the other hand, the French Council would be pleased to see a scheme for a bridge in concrete proposed by the Council's Public Works Department, and the final choice between these schemes would have no other guide but the practical economy of the work in question.

There is no doubt that common effort made by the two Councils would end in a solution such as to give satisfaction in respect to the requirements of the two Settlements under the current Budgets, and in respect to the interests of the two Companies,—and would ensure the preservation of the fine perspective of the Bund.

I am, Sir, etc.,

G. LAFERRIERE,
Secretary.

W. E. LEVESON, Esq.,
Secretary, Municipal Council.

Council Room,
Shanghai, July 30, 1909.

SIR,—I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of July 25, containing a proposal that the Bund bridge over the Yangkingpang be replaced by a reinforced concrete structure, at an estimated cost of Tls. 60,000.

In reply thereto I am to state that the Council is not averse to this alternative scheme, and, in view of the delay which has already taken place in the matter, I am to request that no time may be lost in forwarding detailed plans of the proposed structure for the Council's scrutiny and approval.

With regard to the estimate of the cost by the expert engineer to whom your letter makes reference, I am directed to state that the Council will require that the work be put up to public tender, and that the Public Works Department be permitted to tender with other contractors.

In conclusion, I am directed to allude to the fact that both the British and French Tramway Companies are very desirous that through running of the two systems be inaugurated as soon as possible, and, inasmuch as the negotiations for through running powers are now substantially completed, the Council will be glad to learn whether the French Council is willing that such temporary strengthening of the existing bridge as is necessary be carried out at the joint cost of the Companies.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

G. LAFERRIERE, Esq.,
Secretary,
French Municipal Council.

The meeting adjourns at 5.20 p.m.

The following documents are ordered for publication with the foregoing minutes:—

Public Band.

The performances during next week will (weather permitting) be as follows:

Mon.	Aug.	9,	9.00 p.m.	Public Garden
Tues.	„	10,	9.00 „	Hongkew Recreation Ground
Wed.	„	11,	5.30 „	Public Garden
Thurs.	„	12,	9.00 „	Public Garden
Fri.	„	13,	5.30 „	Hongkew Recreation Ground
Sat.	„	14,	5.00 „	Public Recreation Ground
			9.00 „	Public Garden

Volunteers.

CORPS ORDERS.

August 2, 1909.

No. 119.—Examination, Result of—The following have qualified as under:—

In Subjects (a) and (b) for promotion to the rank of Captain:—

Lieutenant S. Koaze, Japanese Company.

In Subject (a) for Commissioned rank:—

Sapper Henry King-Hiller, Sapper Stephen Scott Sellick } Engineer Company.

A. A. S. BARNES,
Lt.-Colonel, Commandant.

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Notification of Infectious Disease.

The following have been reported during the week ending Sunday, August 1, 1909.	Death among Chinese population of 550,000	Cases notified among Non-Chinese population of 15,000.
Small-pox.	0	0
Cholera.	0	0
Typhoid Fever	—	0
Diphtheria.	1	0
Scarlet Fever.	0	0
Tuberculosis	14	0
Plague	0	0
Total Deaths from all Causes	209	3

ARTHUR STANLEY,
Health Officer.

Summary of Plague Prevention Work during the week ending August 1, 1909.

	District				Total
	Eastern	Northern	Central	Western	
Rats found dead and brought to the Laboratory for examination.....	40	73	94	31	238
Rats plague infected	0	0	0	0	0
No. of traps in operation.....	2400	1920	1100	400	5820
No. of rats trapped and burnt.....	538	900	344	295	2157
Poisoned baits laid..	0	0	1440	80	1520
Houses temporarily rat-proofed and disinfected under notice to occupier	147	72	68	0	287
Houses rat-proofed under notice to owner	0	0	0	0	0
Persons vaccinated against plague.....	0	0	0	0	0

ARTHUR STANLEY,
Health Officer.

Court of Foreign Consuls.

JUDGMENT IN THE CASE OF HUGO WEBER.

We have carefully considered the evidence adduced by the parties in the above case and

(1) are of opinion that the defendants were at fault in not appointing a medical officer to make an official examination and report on the plaintiff's state of health when he applied for full superannuation allowance;

(2) in view of (a) the unanimous opinion of the medical witnesses called by both the plaintiff and the defendants that the plaintiff is suffering from neurasthenia of a more or less severe type (b), the satisfactory nature of the plaintiff's work and abilities while employed in the Health Department, as shown by the testimonial given him by Dr. Stanley (c), the fact that at the request of the Health Department plaintiff remained, against his original intention, for several months in the employment of the defendants after his contract had expired, in order to assist the department at a time when the work was unusually arduous, we think that the plaintiff's case was one which merited the special consideration of the Council,

(3) we wish to place on record that the Court, as it informed the parties previous to the hearing, considers the case one wh'ch should have been privately arranged.

Subject to the above comments we find that the plaintiff at the date of his final resignation, though neurasthenic, was not incapacitated from performing his work in the meaning of Clause 6 of the Superannuation Rules attached to his agreement with the defendants, and that therefore he is not entitled to the full superannuation allowance claimed, but that his case comes within the terms of Clause 8 of the said Rules entitling him to one-third of the said superannuation allowance.

The defendants having in their answer consented to pay plaintiff the cost of one second-class passage to England we need not adjudicate upon this point.

And we further decide that each party shall find its own costs and pay one-half of the Court fees and expenses.

Shanghai, August 2, 1909.

D. SIFFERT,
Consul-General for Belgium and Judge of the Court of Consuls.

PELHAM L. WARREN,
Consul-General for Great Britain and Judge of the Court of Consuls.

I dissent from the above judgment.

THORVALD HANSEN,
Consul-General for Norway and Judge of the Court of Consuls.

OLIVER R. COALES,
Secretary to the Court.

Health Officer's Report for July.

There has been a remarkable absence of preventable disease during July. Synchronous with the advent of increased temperature (90° F. more or less daily) there has been rather more than the normal number of deaths from diarrhœa due to dietary carelessness. Cases of Cholera have been reported, but the diagnosis has not yet been confirmed in the Laboratory.

Residents are requested to regularly inspect their kitchen arrangements, so as to have them in accordance with the Public Health Notice, which may be obtained at the Health Office. A little trouble taken to establish a sanitary routine in the household will be amply repaid by the resulting immunity from those bowel troubles, which are the chief maladies to be feared by the Shanghai resident, and which are prevented by the use of sterilised food. The sanitary staff will, as far as possible, be placed at the disposal of applicants, who desire a special inspection of their kitchen arrangements. But it should be noted that no amount of sanitary inspection can effectually replace that personal supervision which every householder should give to the preparation and service of food. As regards the preservation of health in Shanghai, the purity of food is of fundamental importance.

At all times the most important rule for maintaining health in Shanghai, during the summer months, when bacterial growth is enormously increased, it is especially necessary to eat and drink nothing that has not been recently boiled or cooked or otherwise sterilised.

Living in an alien country, the only sure way of securing purity of food is by sterilisation. Sterilisation means freeing from germs, especially disease germs. Sterilisation may be accomplished best of all by heating to the boiling point, as by cooking and boiling. The Berkefeld filter sterilises water, provided the filter candle is boiled once a week at least. Canned goods, including butter, are necessarily sterilised during the process of canning, otherwise they would not keep. Bottled beverages of good reputation are practically devoid of dangerous bacteria. Ice is not sterile and should not, therefore, be put into drinks. Fresh fruit, melons, etc., may be effectively sterilised, without spoiling the flavour, by complete immersion for a few seconds in boiling water: any infection, that may be present, being on the surface, provided the fruit is sound.

If the simple rule be observed, of eating and drinking nothing that has not been recently boiled or cooked, or otherwise sterilised, it is practically impossible to contract any of those bowel troubles to which the Shanghai resident is especially prone. When this fundamental fact is grasped, 'chills,' 'livers' and cholera belts will cease to be considered matters of importance.

Residents are requested not to patronise hawkers of fruit or other fresh foodstuffs, who come to their houses. Such hawking from door to door is against the sanitary regulations and the hawkers are liable to prosecution, because no proper supervision can be exercised over the produce, which may, as likely as not, have been stored, prior to sale, under the vendor's bed and which been frequently reported to be stolen from the gardens of foreigners.

The condition as regards plague among rats is highly satisfactory. Among 1,326 rats found dead and examined in the Laboratory two only were found plague infected. The last plague-infected rat was found on the 5th instant. No human cases of plague have been reported. Beyond imposing it as a condition for issue of licenses for Public Health purposes, little progress has been made in the permanent rat-proofing of houses, which is the only real guarantee against an outbreak of plague in Shanghai. In the matter of rat-proofing houses, nothing can safely be conceded to individual parsimony. Plague can be

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built out permanently. Steel and concrete are the ideal materials for houses in any town threatened with plague being proof against fire, earthquake and rats.

Regarding anti-mosquito work, the natural conditions have again come to the assistance of the staff, who were somewhat outclassed during the prolonged rains of June.

There is a vacancy for a probationer nurse at the Victoria Nursing Home, who will devote herself, during a period of training of three years, to the attainment of a knowledge of nursing. Particulars may be obtained from, and applications made to, the Matron at the Home.

Here follow tables of Vital Statistics, Infectious Disease and outdoor Sanitary work, including a special summary of Plague Prevention Work and Anti-Mosquito Work together with work done in the Municipal Laboratory, Municipal Hospitals and Slaughter-house.

ARTHUR STANLEY,
Health Officer.

DEATHS.

	Foreign. Resident.	Foreign. Non-Resident.	Native
Small-pox	0	0	3
Cholera	0	1	0
Typhoid Fever	0	0	—
Diphtheria	0	0	7
Scarlet Fever	0	0	2
Tuberculosis	0	0	96
Beri-beri	1	0	8
From all causes	20	2	770

INFECTIOUS DISEASE NOTIFIED AMONG FOREIGN RESIDENT POPULATION.

Small-pox	0
Cholera	0
Typhoid Fever	1
Diphtheria	0
Scarlet Fever	0
Tuberculosis	0

MUNICIPAL LABORATORY.

Small-pox vaccine issued	478 tubes.
Vaccinations	127
Diphtheria Antitoxin issued	48 bottles
Cases undergoing anti-rabic treatment	1
Bacteriological examinations	89
Analyses	54

REPORT ON ANALYSIS OF WATER.

Sample received July 31, 1909.

Report sent out August 3, 1909.

Sample of Shanghai Waterworks Co.'s Water

Physical Characters. — Yellowish green colour with moderate opacity. Slightly alkaline reaction to litmus.

Solid Matter in Solution	13.2
a.—Volatile	6.3
b.—Fixed	6.9
Appearance on Ignition	Slight Charring
Total Hardness	8.0
a.—Temporary	4.0
b.—Permanent	4.0
Chlorine	1.7
Nitrogen as Nitrates	0.0486
Saline Ammonia	0.0028
Albuminoid Ammonia	0.0109
Poisonous Metals	Nil
Nitrites	Nil
Phosphates	Nil
Sulphates	Traces.

Bacteriological Examination. — Gelatine plates at 23°c. yielded an average of 60 micro-organisms per c.c.

Agar plates at blood heat showed 15 microbe colonies per c.c.,

Organisms of the coli group were present in quantities of 0.5 c.c. and upwards.

Report on Analysis.—A sample of water of good degree of biological and chemical purity.

ISOLATION HOSPITALS

		Foreign.	Native.
Cases Admitted—	Small-pox	0	0
	Cholera	0	0
	Typhoid Fever	0	0
	Diphtheria	1	0
	Scarlet Fever	0	5
	Other Diseases	10	52
Discharged		9	64
Died		2	4
Remaining last day of month		2	47

VICTORIA NURSING HOME.

Cases admitted	43
Discharged	37
Died	2
Remaining last day of month	24
Nursed outside the Home	4
Daily visits	1
Nursing pre-engagements	3

SHANGHAI HOUSE RETURNS.

	Slaughtered.	Rejected at Slaughter-house.	Passed for Slaughter from Cattle-sheds.	Passed for Export from Cattle-sheds.	Rejected at Cattle-sheds.
Oxen	1457	22	1457	2	0
Sheep	2487	2	2487	6	6
Calves	342	0	342	0	0
Pigs	127	1	0	0	0

SUMMARY OF PLAGUE PREVENTION WORK.

	Eastern	Northern	Central	Western	Total
Rats found dead and brought to the Laboratory for examination	270	375	537	144	1326
Rats plague infected	0	1	1	0	2
No. of traps in operation	2400	1920	805	400	5525
No. of rats trapped and burnt	2380	4418	1180	1059	9037
Poisoned baits laid.	0	291000	59000	1850	351850
Houses temporarily rat-proofed and disinfected under notice to occupiers	583	349	322	0	1254
Houses rat-proofed under notice to owners	0	0	0	0	
Persons vaccinated against plague	0	0	0	0	0

MOSQUITO EXTERMINATION WORK.

	Eastern	Northern	Central	Western	Total
Stagnant waters on land removed	142	738	0	178	1058
Stagnant waters in and around houses removed	1198	8413	1940	2614	14165
Stagnant waters oiled weekly	21270	421	537	4508	26736

GENERAL SANITARY WORK.

	Eastern	Northern	Central	Western	Total.
Vaccination against small-pox	0	3	0	0	3
Enquiries after notification of foreign cases of infectious disease	1	7	0	0	8
Enquiries after notification of Chinese cases of, and deaths from, infectious disease	37	39	147	29	252
Rooms disinfected after infectious disease	60	60	25	18	163
Articles of clothing, bedding, etc., disinfected by steam	279	259	180	88	806
Houses cleansed and limewashed	1393	770	102	60	2325
Ventilation and lighting amended	0	0	0	0	0
Defective drainage amended	12	22	9	8	51
Insanitary wells abolished	0	1	1	0	2
Proper water supply provided	0	0	1	0	1
Insanitary latrines and urinals rendered healthy	0	1	6	3	10
Night-soil pits and kongs abolished	48	0	0	55	103
Exposed coffined corpses removed and buried	0	4	0	2	6
Smoke nuisances suppressed	0	1	1	0	2
Beggar-boats removed	0	0	0	0	0
Complaints of insanitary conditions received from the public	8	10	12	12	42
Insanitary conditions reported by Health Officer	21	34	1	18	74
Written intimation issued for sanitary amendment	9	10	0	5	24
Second written intimations issued for sanitary amendment	0	0	0	3	3
Notices of intention to proceed served	0	0	0	0	0
Samples taken for analysis	10	6	18	19	53
Pounds of unsound fruit destroyed	2305	3000	450	930	6685
Hawkers brought into markets	128	123	20	56	327
Food prosecutions	1	2	4	10	17
House refuse prosecutions	19	17	0	24	60
Laundry and other prosecutions	6	0	0	2	8
Tons of ordure removed	1240	2550	1660	1116	6566
Tons of house refuse removed	2500	3202	4120	914	10736

MILK FROM LICENSED DAIRIES EXAMINED IN THE LABORATORY AND FOUND ADULTERATED, ETC.

Dairy	Situation	Licensee	Adulteration, etc.
Shing Chee Dairy	North Honan Rd.	Mo Ah Doo	14.1% added water
Sung Shing Dairy	Thorburn Rd.	Hoo Ah Dee	12.9% added water
Farfield Dairy	19 Kwenming Rd.	Winifred Flood	12.9% added water
Swiss Farm	Bubbling Well Rd.	Mrs. Robinson	2.8% added water

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MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION.

No. 1982.

(*Amended*)

ELECTRICITY DEPARTMENT.

THE Council is prepared to receive tenders for the following :—

A. The supply and delivery at the Electricity Works, c.i.f. duty paid, of 9700 Carbon Filament Incandescent Lamps.

B. The supply and delivery at the Electricity Works, c.i.f. duty paid, of 23,250 Metallic Filament Lamps.

C. The supply, delivery and erection at the Electricity Works, c.i.f. duty paid, of an Electric Goods Lift, capable of raising and lowering a load of 2½ tons.

Conditions, specifications, forms of tender and all necessary information may be obtained upon application to the Electrical Engineer, Mr. T. H. U. Aldridge, at the Works, 31 Fearon Road.

A charge of Tls. 25 will be made for each specification, which will be returned upon the receipt of a *bonâ fide* tender.

Sealed tenders will be received by the undersigned as follows :—

A. marked "Tender for Carbon Lamps," not later than noon on Thursday, September 30, 1909.

B. marked "Tender for Metallic Lamps," not later than noon on Thursday, September 30, 1909.

C. marked "Tender for Electric Lift," not later than noon on Tuesday, September 7, 1909.

The Council does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender, or to pay any expenses which the contractor may incur in tendering.

The names of tenderers, with the prices quoted, will be published for general information.

By order,

W. E. LEVESON,

Secretary.

Council Room,
Shanghai, July 30, 1909.

Recess.

The annual recess will have effect after the meeting of August 11, instead of at the date previously notified.

AT the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, August 4, 1909, at 4.30 p.m., there are present :

Messrs. D. Landale (*Chairman*)
H. De Gray
W. D. Little
H. A. J. Macray
O. Meuser
J. Prentice
T. E. Trueman
The Secretary and
Assistant Secretary.

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

The minutes of the last meeting are read, confirmed, signed by the Chairman and passed for publication.

Volunteers.

Settlement Defence.—A report by the Commandant proposes arrangements for the victualling of the Corps when mobilised. His recommendations on the subject include provision for the registration of the contractor's employees, and payment of compensation in the event of death or injury while in the performance of their duties. The Council approves these arrangements.

Police.

Foreign Branch.—The resignation of Warder Sykes is accepted with effect from August 31.

The temporary engagement of E. F. Westall as warder is confirmed with effect from July 8, and for a period of three months only.

Mixed Court.

Case of Detention in the City.—Referring to the paragraph on this subject contained in the "Gazette" of February 11, the following correspondence is ordered for publication :—

Shanghai, January 26, 1909.

SIR,—I have the honour, on behalf of the Consular Body, to transmit you, enclosed, for your consideration and reply, copy and translation of a letter from the Taotai, as regards the case of Chiu Shen-cho, and to state, in reply to your letter of the 19th instant, that we are insisting again upon the prima facie hearing of the case in the Mixed Court.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,
D. SIFFERT,
Consul-General for Belgium, and Senior Consul.

D. LANDALE, Esq.,
Chairman, Municipal Council.

Translation of letter from Taotai T'sai Nai-huang to the Senior Consul, dated December 1908.

In reply to the Senior Consul's letter to the effect that the Municipal Council reports stating that a Chinese resident named Chiu Shen-cho, Manager of the Shun Ching hong in the Canton Road, having been enticed to Nantou for an interview with the manager of a native bank, was arrested and detained by runners from the Magistrate's Yamên; the Taotai has to state that in compliance with instructions issued to the City Magistrate a report has been presented by him as follows :—

"On November 2 the agent of the "Yuan Yuan Bank seized Chiu "Shen-cho and bringing him to the "Magistrate's Yamên, accused him of "owing Tls. 73,000 odd; this man "was not arrested by the Magistrate's "runners; the Magistrate has received "a letter on the subject from the Mixed "Court, to which he has replied, and "has again examined the head of the "Yuan Yuan Bank who stated in "evidence that he seized Chiu Shen-cho "when the latter came to his bank in "order to discuss matters; and that "when it was found that the Tls. 73,000 "which was owed rested on nothing the "bank's general agent was then ordered "to take him to the Magistrate's "Yamên; and that there were certainly "no runners on the spot. Chiu Shen-"cho has himself, with his own hand, "declared in writing that he was not "brought up by runners belonging to "the Magistrate's Yamên. There was, "therefore, assuredly no breach of rule "on this occasion."

The Taotai accordingly finds that Chiu Shen-cho owing a sum of money to this bank, was seized and taken to the Magistrate's Yamên; and that since he was not arrested by the Magistrate's runners it is unnecessary further to discuss the matter.

The Yuan Yuan Bank is indebted to Chinese and foreign officials and merchants in amounts totalling some hundreds of thousands of taels and the market is thus considerably agitated. The various creditors are incessant in their demands for payment with the result that the Taotai has already directed runners to arrest the Manager, Chen Shan-chih, and hand him over to the Magistrate for examination; and this matter must, of course, be settled together with that of Chiu Shen-cho with a view to early payment, and for protection of the market.

The Taotai has, accordingly, to reply to the Senior Consul and begs him to take note.

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Council Room,
Shanghai, March 23, 1909.

SIR,—I have the honour to refer to my letters of November 16, December 9 and January 19, and to the reply of the Consular Body dated January 26, relating to the detention in the City of Chiu Shen-cho, Manager of the Shun Ching Co., No. 120 Canton Road, a native resident of this Settlement.

From your letter it was noted with satisfaction that a prima facie hearing at the Mixed Court was consistently being demanded, but, observing the Taotai's remark in his dispatch to yourself, to the effect that he regards discussion of the matter as unnecessary, and since it appears, from inquiries which have been made by other native merchants interested, that no steps have yet been taken to dispose of the case, the Council ventures to express the hope that a further dispatch may be addressed to the Taotai making plain the fact that the Consular Body will not submit to the irregularity which has been perpetrated.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,
DAVID LANDALE,
Chairman.

D. SIFFERT, Esq.,
Consul-General for Belgium,
and Senior Consul.

Council Room,
Shanghai, August 4, 1909.

SIR,—I have the honour to refer to my letter of March 23 last, and previous correspondence, on the subject of the detention of Chiu Shen-cho in the City Magistrate's Yamên, without previous hearing in the Mixed Court.

A petition from the native resident in question again begs for assistance in obtaining a hearing at the Court and again reminds the Council that he is languishing in indefinite confinement, which has already lasted for the space of nine months. The efforts made by the Consular Body to obtain assent to the necessary hearing have, so far as I am aware, resulted only in one evasive reply from the Taotai as to the manner of effecting the arrest in the first place, a point which though unsatisfactory has, from the outset, been regarded as secondary in importance to that of maintaining the regularity of Mixed Court procedure in this case.

When the Council first commented on the case in November last there was every reason to hope that a settlement would follow promptly, and the prisoner regain his liberty. The delay which has ensued, and the attempt made through the Mixed Court Magistrate and the Chamber of Commerce, to obtain possession of the accounts of the Shun Ching Hong in Canton Road, coupled with evident unwillingness to allow of an open preliminary inquiry before the constituted Court in the Settlement, point to a wish conceived from the beginning, to confine action to the City Yamên in order to avoid the publicity which compliance with the routine procedure ensures. The prisoner's petition is further evidence of the need for this hearing, for if he had no confidence that it would procure him the advantage of strict justice and directly benefit his case, he would improbably persevere in seeking for observance of the formality.

I have the honour, therefore, to express the hope that the Consular Body will continue to require compliance with its request, and I trust that you will courteously keep the Council informed of the course of the negotiations.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,
DAVID LANDALE,
Chairman.

D. SIFFERT, Esq.,
Consul-General for Belgium,
and Senior Consul.

Lekin Collection in the Sett'ement.

In connexion with a recent inquiry into the circumstances of a dispute between native lime boatmen, and dealers who act as middlemen between them and the purchasing contractors, facts have been disclosed affording indisputable evidence of an organized levy by the Native Authorities of a tax on the sale of lime in the Settlement. Reference is made to the recent case of lekin on fuel shops, and it is stated that similar taxes are levied on dealers in rice, beans and other products, as to which further close inquiries are directed. In the meanwhile it is considered necessary to protest in the strongest manner against such levies, which are contrary to the traditional immunity of the Settlement from all forms of native taxation, and specifically contrary to the undertaking of the Chinese Authorities on the subject given in 1904.

Mahommedan Cemetery.

A letter from H.M. Consul-General is read forwarding the request of the Trustee of the Mahommedan Mosque in the Chekiang Road for a land grant for a new cemetery. The Council is not unfavourably disposed to this project, but desires in the first place an indication as to the desired locality and size and probable cost:—

Shanghai, July 27, 1909.

SIR,—I am forwarding to you herewith copy of a letter addressed to me by the Trustee of the Mahommedan Mosque, praying that a piece of land be granted for a new Mahommedan cemetery.

The present cemetery situate in Chekiang Road will, he states, soon be insufficient for the needs of the Mahommedan community.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
PELHAM WARREN,
H.M. Consul-General.

THE SECRETARY,
Shanghai Municipal Council.

Shanghai, July 16, 1909.

SIR,—I have the honour to call your attention to the fact that the Mahommedan cemetery of Chekiang Road will soon be insufficient for this community and beg from you that the matter be submitted to the Municipal Council for consideration.

We will point out that the majority of burials in our Chekiang Road Cemetery is of Mahommedan-British subjects: mainly of lascars from P. & O. boats.

Trusting you will give this matter your favourable consideration in order that the Mahommedan community of Shanghai be granted a piece of land for a new cemetery.

We remain, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
E. PABANEY,
Trustee to the Mahommedan Mosque.

H.M. CONSUL-GENERAL,
Shanghai.

Council Room,
Shanghai, August 9, 1909.

SIR,—In reply to your letter of July 27, forwarding the request of the Mahommedan Mosque for an additional burying ground, I am directed to state that, with a view to compliance, the Council is making inquiries as to the size and probable cost of the suggested new ground and as to the locality in which it is desired.

When these particulars have been ascertained it is not improbable that means will be found to meet the wishes of the small Mahommedan section of the community.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

SIR PELHAM WARREN, K.C.M.G.,
H.M. Consul-General.

Electricity Department.

Tenders for Goods Lift.—It is noted that the Electricity Committee has extended the time for the receipt of these tenders to Tuesday, September 7, 1909.

Landing Stages.

Yangtszepoo Creek.—The Engineer's recommendation is approved that the construction of the proposed jetty in the Yangtszepoo Creek, for which there is a Budget appropriation of Tls. 900, be deferred, in view of alterations in local conditions.

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Public Lighting.

Revised plans and estimates of proposed new lamps in the Northern and Eastern Districts are submitted and approved. The scheme generally is in amplification of that entered upon in 1905 whereunder the re-lighting of the streets of the Settlement is being steadily proceeded with as opportunity occurs. The present proposals involve the removal of one arc lamp and 17 gas lamps and the erection of 28 arc lamps, 68 metallic filament lamps and 50 gas lamps, at a cost of Tls. 433 for the Northern District and Tls. 2,717 for the Eastern District, or a total of Tls. 3,150.

It is noted that of the Budget appropriation for Lighting Extensions, Tls. 20,000, of which Tls. 10,000 is for the Northern and Eastern Districts, the sum of Tls 4,100 only has so far been spent, so that the adoption of the present proposal should leave the expenditure under this heading well within the estimate for the current year.

Municipal Properties.

Isolation Hospital.—With regard to the inclusion of Cadastral lot 1151 in this site, the Council confirms an arrangement made with the owner, Mrs. C. F. Johnston, under which the property will be taken over on October 1 on payment of a sum of Tls. 250. The actual compensation will be settled by the Land Commission before the close of the year. It has also been undertaken that certain fittings be taken over by the Council at a reasonable valuation.

Road Extensions and Widenings.

Peking Road.—With reference to the minute under this heading, published in the Gazette of April 29, a report by the Engineer forwards details of the amended claim of Mr. T. S. Chang, amounting to Tls. 300, for the scheduled strip of unregistered land east of Cadastral lot 453A. Payment of the claim is accordingly authorized as follows:—

Mow 0.011 at Tls. 18,000 per mow	Tls.	198
Plus 10 per cent for compulsory surrender ...		20
		218
Less 1/3rd for betterment		73
		145
Reinstatement of two houses		155
	Tls.	300

With regard to Lot 454B, registered owner Mr. A. E. Algar, the area of the property is Mow 0.237 and the scheduled portion measures Mow 0.160, while of the latter Mow 0.062 is liable to surrender without compensation under Article VI of the Land Regulations. As in the case of Lot 314 therefore, *vide* minutes published in the Municipal Gazette on June 10 and July 8, it was decided to acquire the complete property and hold the surplus frontage strip for re-sale hereafter. To this end negotiations are reported as completed for the transfer of the land to the Council for the sum of Tls. 6,500, including 6 two-storied native houses in fair condition at present standing thereon.

Chengtu Road.—Payment of the sum of Tls. 50 is authorized for a small piece of unregistered land, measuring Mow 0.021, adjoining the Da Wang Miao Temple, required for inclusion in this road.

Outlying Roads.—Arising out of the request of a resident in one of the mud roads in the Western District that the section of the road extending past his premises be periodically watered, the Council has had under consideration the advisability of metalling strips of such roads.

The policy which has been adopted in this respect in the past has been entirely dictated by financial considerations. Land which has been acquired for new roads has been formed and raised only, the work of metalling being allowed to remain in abeyance until the public need therefor is apparent. In the event of frontage owners intimating their desire that a road be made up and metalled in advance of such public requirements, a contribution of two-thirds of the total cost is levied on the concerned.

The Chairman points out that a more liberal policy upon the part of the Council would tend towards the development of residential localities, were prospective residents assured of convenient access, and other advantages which would naturally follow.

While the limitations of the Budget for the current year preclude any steps being taken in this direction for the present, the Council will give consideration, in the Estimates for 1910, to the metalling of 12-foot strips of certain suitable roads throughout the Settlement.

Tenders.

Seven tenders for the supply and delivery of the necessary steelwork for the Sinza Fire Station are submitted and that of the Vulcan Ironworks at Tls. 1,142 with delivery in 10 weeks, is authorized for acceptance.

The following tenders were also received:—

	Price.	*Delivery.*
W. M. Law. . .	Tls.1,100	12 weeks
New Engineering & Shipbuilding Works Ld. .	1,216	11 ,,
Fah Shing Ironworks. . . .	1,448	6 ,,
Shanghai Dock & Engineering Co., Ld.	1,515	8 ,,
Howarth, Erskine Ld.	2,080	4 ,,
Compagnie Generale de Constructions Industrielles en Chine. . . .	3,000	5 months

A report by the Engineer is submitted as to the artificial stone work for this building. He points out that owing to the elaborate nature of the work, considerable supervision will be required, that the chains of the convicts will be liable to damage the material, and that under such circumstances it will be preferable to do the work by contract. It is accordingly decided to accept the tender of Sah Jin-kee for this work at Tls. 0.79 per superficial foot.

Four tenders for the erection of an Inquest Room at the Isolation Hospital are submitted and that of Chun Sung-kee is authorized for acceptance, Tls. 575 with extras amounting to Tls. 169.

The following tenders were also received:—

Sah Jin-kee	Tls. 680
Joe Ming-kee	642
Chun Ming-kee	604

The meeting adjourns at 6.10 p.m.

The following documents are ordered for publication with the foregoing minutes:—

Public Band.

The performances during next week will (weather permitting) be as follows:

Mon.	Aug. 16,	9.00 p.m.	Public Garden
Tues.	,, 17,	9.00 ,,	Hongkew Recreation Ground
Wed.	,, 18,	5.30 ,,	Public Garden
Thurs.	,, 19,	9.00 ,,	Public Garden
Fri.	,, 20,	5.30 ,,	Hongkew Recreation Ground
Sat.	,, 21,	5.00 ,,	Public Recreation Ground
		9.00 ,,	Public Garden

Volunteers.

CORPS ORDERS.

August 9, 1909.

No. 120.—Musketry Board.—The Corps Musketry Board will meet in the Officers' Room at the Town Hall, at 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday, August 17, to fix a date, and appoint a Sub-committee for the Corps Annual Rifle Meeting.

A. A. S. BARNES,
Lt.-Colonel,
Commandant.

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Notification of Infectious Disease.

The following have been reported during the week ending Sunday, August 8, 1909.	Death among Chinese population of 550,000	Cases notified among Non-Chinese population of 15,000.
Small-pox.	1	0
Cholera.	0	0
Typhoid Fever	—	0
Diphtheria.	1	0
Scarlet Fever.	0	0
Tuberculosis	31	0
Plague	0	0
Total Deaths from all Causes	274	7

ARTHUR STANLEY,
Health Officer.

Summary of Plague Prevention Work during the week ending August 8, 1909.

	District				Total
	Eastern	Northern	Central	Western	
Rats found dead and brought to the Laboratory for examination	43	80	102	26	251
Rats plague infected	0	0	0	0	0
No. of traps in operation	2400	2400	1100	400	6300
No. of rats trapped and burnt	445	835	318	268	1866
Poisoned baits laid	0	0	20000	0	20000
Houses temporarily rat-proofed and disinfected under notice to occupier	140	72	60	0	272
Houses rat-proofed under notice to owner	0	0	0	0	0
Persons vaccinated against plague	0	0	0	0	0

ARTHUR STANLEY,
Health Officer.

Departmental Report by the Superintendent of Parks and Open Spaces to the Municipal Engineer for July.

The chief work of the month has been the mowing of lawns and the weeding, cleaning and watering of shrubberies.

Trees in the Western and Eastern Districts have been pruned and the lower branches which were considered to be in the way of traffic removed. In most of the principal thoroughfares a great deal of cutting was found necessary owing to the overhead wires of the Electricity Department.

The recent hot dry weather has resulted in the death of a large number of young trees: as many as 56 have been removed from the Western District, and 35 from the Eastern District.

Hongkew Recreation Ground.—The new Golf greens have been raised and the work of mowing, watering and preparing them generally for the autumn is in progress. The tennis courts have been in great demand and have been filled up nearly every evening. The number of visitors to the Park was 5,961, compared with 6,194 in June and 10,933 in May.

General.—The work of mowing, weeding and watering has been carried on in Brenan Piece, Cathedral compound, Bund and Soochow Road Foreshores, Quinsan Square, Public Recreation Ground, Victoria Nursing Home, Municipal Hospital, Chinese Public School, Sinza, Louza, Bubbling Well, Connaught and Harbin Road Police Stations.

J. GILES,
Acting Superintendent.

Engineer's Report For July.

The weather having been continuously fine during the month, the outside work of the Department has proceeded without interruption.

In connexion with the remetalling of Bubbling Well Road east of Carter Road, experiments are being made with regard to both the prevention of dust and to repairs to macadamised roads. The former experiment consists in the surface application of a preparation known as "Tarvia." This preparation, as well as other compounds and refined tar and crude oils, has been extensively used in Europe and America during the past two years on roads subject to continuous motor traffic. The results in most cases appear to have been very satisfactory, in addition to the formation of dust being lessened, the life of the road is increased.

The new method of repairing macadam consists chiefly in rolling down the old surface and in adding the broken stone without any previous scarifying. By this means a solid and even surface is obtained in much less time than by the usual method and it remains to be seen whether the wearing qualities are improved.

Public Lighting.—All the gas lamps along Bubbling Well Road between Carter Road and Siccawei Road have now been replaced by 60 c.p. metallic filaments. Thirty-two such lamps have been erected, several of them being suspended in the middle of the roadway where they are clear of the trees. By this means, the lighting of the roadway has been considerably improved.

An enclosed arc lamp has been erected in Cemetery Road and twenty-one additional 60 c-p. metallic filaments in the following roads:—Foochow Road 2, Chekiang Road 4, Fokien Road and Pakhoi Road corner 1, Cemetery Road 4, Manila Road 2, Great Western Road 7, Markham Road (on Bridge), 1.

Plans Completed.—Inquest Room at Isolation Hospital. Sketch plans for alteration to Assistant Health Officer's Quarters at Isolation Hospital. Plan and Section for 3-ft. diam. sewer along Jehol Road and Kaifeng Road. Section of Dalny Road south of Yangtszepoo Road.

Cleansing.—62 cartloads of garbage, 3,167 cartloads of road detritus, and 2,486 cartloads of gully deposit were collected during the month.

Quarry.—4,859 tons of road materials have been received during the month from the Quarry. 1,132 tons were dispatched from the Quarry for account of the French Council during June, the July returns have not yet come to hand.

Concreteware.—The following concreteware has been made at the Range Road Depôt during the month:—

Hand made.....1,544 pieces.
Machine made .....1,915 „

Total.....3,459 „

New Buildings.

Summary of work done during the month:—

Description of work.	Total
Buildings under construction	150
Plans submitted for approval	27
Plans approved	27
Inspections by Inspectors	1232
Permits for Carpenters Sheds, etc.	3
„ „ Boundary Walls	4
„ „ Repairs to Buildings	85
„ „ New Shop Fronts	18
„ „ Painting	175
„ „ Alterations	38
„ „ Erecting Fences	13
„ „ Erecting Sign-boards	178
„ „ Erecting Drying Stages	1
„ „ Sunshades	228
Dangerous Building Notices served	17
Summonses	—
Encroachments reported and rectified	—

Dangerous Structures.

Notices as to dangerous structures received from the public	—
Notice from other Departments	1*
Dangerous structures reported by P.W.D.	15
First intimation Notices issued	15
Second „ „	2

*Notice already issued.

Survey Work.

Official measurements of new land lots attended during the month	57
Cadastral certificates issued	49
Consular lots surveyed	34
Surveys made in connexion with road widenings and/or extensions.	57
Lots examined to ascertain whether they included roads or waterways which are or may be in future of use to the public	68

M. C. R. stones have been erected as follows:—

Western District	18	stones.
Central „	0	„
Northern „	22	„
Eastern „	12	„
Outside limits	0	„
Total	52	stones.

Labour.—The average number of labourers employed during the month, exclusive of contract work, has been 2,143 as compared with 1,993 during July, 1908.

C. H. GODFREY,
Acting Engineer and Surveyor.

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MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION.

No. 1864.

CLOSE SEASON FOR GAME.

NOTICE is hereby given that the close season for pheasants, deer, hare and partridges will expire on September 30.

No prohibition attaches to the sale of snipe, quail, woodcock and wild fowl.

By order,

W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

Council Room,
Shanghai, September 12, 1907.

AT the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, August 11, 1909, at 4.30 p.m., there are present:

Messrs. D. Landale (*Chairman*)
H. De Gray
W. D. Little
H. A. J. Macray
O. Meuser
J. Prentice
T. E. Trueman
The Secretary and
Assistant Secretary.

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

The minutes of the last meeting are read, confirmed, signed by the Chairman and passed for publication.

Volunteers.

Commandant.—A letter from the Military Authorities in Hongkong forwards copy of the War Office letter No. 083/4508 (M. S. 3) dated May 21 on the subject of the grant of local rank of Lieutenant-Colonel to Major Barnes while acting as Commandant:—

War Office,
London, S.W., May 21, 1909.

SIR,—I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of March 31 last, No. A/9823/3, and in reply to acquaint you that there is no objection to Major A. A. S. Barnes, Wiltshire Regiment, being granted the local rank of Lieutenant-Colonel, whilst employed as Commandant of the Shanghai Volunteer Corps.

The necessary notification will accordingly be published in the "London Gazette."

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

A. CRAWFORD, *Major,*
Assistant Military Secretary.

The GENERAL OFFICER,
Commanding the Troops, South China,
Hongkong.

EXTRACT FROM THE "LONDON GAZETTE" OF JUNE 1, 1909.

Major Arthur A. S. Barnes, Duke of Edinburgh's (Wiltshire Regiment) is granted the local rank of Lieutenant-Colonel whilst employed as Commandant of the Shanghai Volunteer Corps: October 17, 1908.

Japanese Company.—Upon the recommendation of the Commandant the promotion of Lieutenant Shiro Koaze to be Captain, commanding the Company, is authorized.

Engineer Company.—The Council approves the appointment of Messrs. H. King-Hiller and S. S. Sellick to be 2nd Lieutenants, and the issue of the necessary commissions is authorized.

Reserves.—A report by the Commandant is submitted, proposing the re-organization and expansion of the Reserves of the Corps by the establishment of a Reserve for each unit in addition to the existing Reserve Companies, the object being to retain the services of members of the Corps who for various reasons do not serve in those units. It is noted that the Reserve Company and 12-Bore Company will, under the new arrangements, remain as at present, and that the Mounted Scouts will form the recognized Reserve for the Light Horse. These recommendations are approved.

Headquarters,
Shanghai, July 29, 1909.

I have the honour to request the permission of the Council to re-organize the Reserves of the Corps. In order to provide for ready expansion in time of emergency, I propose that a Reserve be established for each unit, in addition to the Reserve Company, which will retain its present organization.

The defence of this large and increasing Settlement cannot, I am convinced, be successfully undertaken against any form of external aggression by the forces at present available, unless the whole or a portion of those forces can be set free for more active measures than guarding bridges and buildings. Equally, in the case of internal trouble, such active measures would undoubtedly be necessary in outlying portions of the Settlement, and the carrying out of such measures is undoubtedly the duty of the Volunteers.

This being the case, it becomes imperative that the Reserves be not only increased, but organized on a wider basis than at present.

In every unit there are men who, from force of circumstances, are unable to devote the time they would like to the Corps. Such men feel they must either be regarded as "slackers" or resign. They naturally choose the latter alternative and are lost to the Corps, whereas I am sure they ought to be able to join a congenial Reserve from which they could, in time of trouble, rejoin their unit if required. Each case of a man wishing to pass prematurely into the Reserve would, of course, be considered on its merits, in order to prevent any undue depletion of the active units.

There are many men in Shanghai who have served in other parts of the world, and who, for various reasons, do not join the Corps as at present constituted. These men would be of considerable value in time of emergency, and most of them would, I believe, be only too glad to be of use. Experience shews how anxious various people are to "do something" in times of riot, and if such people could be more or less organized in the existing Reserve Company, the confusion they would cause in a crisis would be considerably minimised. Except in special cases, I would not recommend that such men be allowed to join any but the Reserve Company.

In conclusion, I may add that I have had this matter in view and under consideration since the beginning of the year, and that I have consulted the Unit Commanders of all Units, and that they are in complete agreement with my plans.

Though this scheme would result in a considerable increase in the strength of the Corps, and in its ability to efficiently expand when required, the proportionate expense would be small, as the Council possesses 1,352 rifles and carbines, exclusive of 150 new short rifles provided for in the current Budget.

A. A. S. BARNES,
Lieut.-Colonel,
Commandant, S.V.C.

Sighting of Rifles.—The recommendation of the Commandant, in accordance with the suggestion made in the Annual Inspection Report as to the substitution of sight bars for the sliding wind gauges at present in use, is discussed. The change suggested will tend to increased efficiency without any cost, and is accordingly approved.

Police.

Foreign Branch.—The promotion of Sub-Inspector J. E. Johnson is authorized to be 3rd Class Inspector on duty at the Mixed Court with effect from August 16.

The following are appointed 3rd Class Constables, being a draft of three recruits engaged in Australia, who arrived on August 10:—

A. H. Blyton
R. C. Blyton
P. E. V. Kelly.

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Police Boxes.—With regard to the Box recently erected at the corner of the Peking and Shanse Roads, attention has been drawn to the serious obstruction constituted, and to the inconsistency of the effort to convert the Peking Road into a suitable thoroughfare for carriage traffic with the existence of an obstruction of this character. After reference to the useful purpose which the newly established boxes serve, it is decided, in this instance, to select a more suitable position.

Louza Station, Sleeping Accommodation.—Reports by the Captain-Superintendent on this subject are read, alluding to the discomfort resulting from use of the same rooms by men on day and night duty, and to its prejudicial effect upon the health of the men engaged on night duty who under existing arrangements obtain interrupted and insufficient rest. The Engineer's estimate of the cost of constructing four dormitories in the roof of the building amounts to Tls. 2,500, and the improvement is authorized for execution at an early date.

Convicts' Food.—Of three tenders received in response to Notification No. 1979 the following have been accepted :—

Yuen Dah	Vegetables	$0.01½	per lb.
	Onions	0.03½	,,
	Salt Fish	0.07½	,,
	Beef	0.13	,,
	Pork	0.13	,,
	Salt	0.02½	,,
	Bean Oil	0.13½	,,
	Tea	0.15	,,
Woo Shing	Rice	6.40	per picul.
	Wheat	3.60	,,
	Flat beans	3.30	,,
	Red ,,	5.00	,,

The monthly cost of convicts' food at the prices quoted above is estimated at $2,098 for the three months ending October 31, or $230 more than during the preceding three months. This difference is traceable to an increase of $0.90 per picul in the price of rice and $1.20 in that of red beans.

Indian Watchmen.—At the recommendation of the Accountant it is decided to organize a system of payment of the watchmen enrolled by the Police, whereby a debit note for the amount of his wages signed by the Assistant Superintendent for Sikhs, will be handed to each watchman. These "debit notes" will take the form of certificates of the amount due to the bearer, with provision for comment upon his behaviour.

Native Processions.— Reference is made to an entry in the Daily Report of August 7, from which it is noted that a native procession held on the previous day numbered 500 followers, though under the terms of the permit it was provided that only 250 should take part. It is noted that for the better regulation of traffic the Captain-Superintendent has fixed 250 as a suitable limit for processions, and in the present case the concerned will be warned by the Police, as to the need for complying exactly with the terms of the permit. It is directed that the attention of the native residents be especially called to this matter, with a view to avoiding the dislocation of traffic which may result owing to departure from the arrangements as notified and authorized beforehand.

Policing Beyond Limits.

Use of Firearms.—A Police Report refers to a recent instance of firing by the native preventive service upon smugglers in the neighbourhood of Yangtszepoo to the danger of traffic and pedestrians in the road of that name. It is decided that this occurrence be brought to the notice of the Consular Body, with a view to avoiding, if possible, the danger resulting from such use of firearms by natives outside the Settlement.

Fire Brigade.

Motor-Driven Hose-waggon.—21 tenders for this plant are submitted, together with the recommendation of the Chief Engineer in favour of that of Messrs. John Morris & Sons, Ld., for a 55/60 H.P. vehicle at a cost of £750.

In regard to the alternative tender of this firm for a waggon of 25/30 H.P., it is considered that the larger carrying capacity and staying power, with the greater weight and simplicity of working of the larger waggon are strong arguments in favour of its purchase, and the Council, while recording the view that increased speed is not among the requirements, authorizes acceptance of the higher tender accordingly, and the purchase, in addition, of the powerful acetylene search-light recommended. It is decided to request Messrs. Preece & Cardew to undertake the work of inspection previous to shipment.

The tenders received are as follows:—

Merryweather & Sons Ld.	A	£895
do.	B	£725
Frazer & Co.	A	£807*
do.	B	G. $4,480*
do.	C	£1,894*
do.	D	£1,280*
J. Moore & Son	A	£600
do.	B	£725
Westphal, King & Ramsay Ld. for Henry Simonis & Co. (who also tendered direct)		£525 £490
Sir W. G. Armstrong, Whitworth & Co. Ld.		£552
Leyland Motors Ld.	A	£735
do	B	£630
do	C	£740
Commercial Cars Ld.		£765
John Taylor, Dunford & Co. Ld.		£500
Lacre Motor Car Co. Ld.		£510
Ryknield Motor Co. Ld.		£690
Argylls Ld.	A	£740
do.	B	£725
do.	C	£735
Dickeson, Jones & Co.		£683*
Von Düring, Wibel & Co. for John I Thornycroft & Co. Ld.	A	£780
do.	B	£735
Lloyd & Plaister	A	£580
do.	B	£520
John Morris & Sons Ld.	A	£560
do.	B	£750
Dennis Bros. Ld.		£535
Webb Motor Fire Apparatus Co.	A	G.$4,750
do.	B	G.$5,250
Knox Automobile Co.		G.$3,000
Rex Fire Extinguisher Co.		G.$2,200
Waterous Engine Works Co.		G.$5,600
Anderson, Coupling & Fire Supply Co.		G.$4,100

* c.i.f. Shanghai.

Landing Stages.

With regard to the jetty to be erected on the Soochow Creek east of Fokien Road, for which the Budget contains an appropriation of Tls. 500, the Engineer submits a drawing shewing a specially constructed larger design than is usual, intended to afford facilities for accommodating the large volume of native produce which is handled at this point. The new jetty, which will be in reinforced concrete and is estimated to cost Tls. 780, is approved for erection forthwith.

Public Lighting.

In continuation of correspondence published in the Gazette of June 4, the following additional letters are authorized for publication :—

Shanghai, June 8, 1909.

DEAR SIR,—I have to acknowledge with thanks, receipt of your letter of the 31st ultimo, in answer to mine of April 17.

In the interest of this Company as one of the suppliers of public lighting, and also of the public who pay for it, I beg to be permitted to deal with certain points contained in your letter, so as to make clear to all concerned, the facts which, judged by your letter, seem to be imperfectly appreciated and which, properly understood, show that the economy in lighting by gas as compared with electricity is greater than you allow in your letter.

It is true that "recent developments" of applied electricity have brought into the market certain "types of electric street lamps," but it is equally true, and should be recognized, that recent developments in applied gas lighting show just as great advances as with the rival illuminant, and you admit in your letter that the advantage as regards cost is still on the side of gas, and our figures show that this is really very considerable.

The gas appliances used for lighting Bubbling Well Road are the property of the Council, and with slight modifications and at a very low charge, can be adapted to utilize the recent improvements in gas lighting. I desire to point out, however, that no request has ever been made to the Gas Company to suggest any improvement, while on the other hand the attention of the Council's Engineer has been frequently drawn to these improvements, without any practical recognition or attention from the Council.

I submit that the present experimental lighting, by means of three metallic filament lamps hung in close proximity to the three existing gas lamps, does not afford a fair means of comparison, and can give no idea of the lighting effect of each light alone, and that a fair trial should be given before a decision as to the respective merits of the two systems of lighting is arrived at.

The desirability of installing lamps suspended by cross wires in the middle of the roadway appears to be open to question, but if this method is desired by the Council, the Gas Co. is quite prepared to adopt it.

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With reference to the "scrapping" of old gas lighting appliances, as this Company have been asked by the Engineer's Department to purchase the disused material, it is naturally concluded that the Council have no intention of using them elsewhere as you suggest.

I am to draw attention to the fact (not noticed in your letter) that since writing to you on April 17, the Company's Engineer has submitted a proposal to the Council's Engineer to adopt a new 60-candle-power burner specially made to compete with the metallic filament lamps. The Company has offered to light, clean and maintain lamps fitted with this burner, at the rate of $2.50 per month gross, or $1.875 nett.

Herewith is presented, in tabulated form, recent proposals re Public Lighting :—

300 c.p. lamps at $6.00 per month or less special tax $4.50 nett.
80 c.p. lamps at $3.00 per month or less special tax $2.25 net.
60 c.p. lamps at $2.50 per month or less special tax $1.875 net

as against,

60 c.p. metallic filament lamps Tls. 2.25=$3.00 per month.

This Company is further prepared to light, clean and maintain—

400 c.p. lamps at $8.50 per month or less special tax $6.45 nett

as against,

400 c.p. enclosed electric arc lamps Tls. 11.66 = $16.00 per month

also the Company is prepared to light, clean and maintain—

500 c.p. lamps $11.20 per month less special tax $8.40 nett.

It is noted that one argument put forward in favour of the substitution of metallic filament electric lamps in place of incandescent gas lamps is, that "they can be worked with profit to the electricity department." Being hitherto under the impression that the Council desired to have the best possible public lighting at the lowest possible cost to the ratepayers, the Company have in making offers for lighting, had this point in view.

Taking as examples the following :—

60 c.p. elect. met. filament lamps at Tls. 2.25 per month.
60 c.p. incandescent gas lamps at Tls. 1.875 per month,

the ratepayers will pay for,

100 elect. met. filament lamps at Tls. 2,700 per annum.
100 incand. gas lamps at Tls. 1,642 per annum.

or Tls. 1,058 more per annum for the electric lamps than for the gas lamps, merely, according to your letter, for the benefit of the Electricity Department.

Trusting that this letter will bring such renewed attention to this subject as its importance demands—and merely claiming that fair consideration which is due to this Company in regard to public lighting.

I am, Dear Sir,
Yours faithfully,
G. R. WINGROVE,
Secretary.

W. E. LEVESON, Esq.,
Secretary, Municipal Council.

Council Room,
Shanghai, August 6, 1909.

SIR,—I am directed to refer to your letter of June 8 in continuation of correspondence relative to the respective merits of gas and electricity for purposes of public lighting, and in reply thereto, to state that after further deliberation the Council remains unprepared to adopt any general measures for utilizing gas for public lighting in preference to electricity.

Dealing with the several points raised in your letter under reply, in comparison of the respective cost of the two illuminants, I am in the first place to point out that the gas quotations are exclusive of the cost of the standards, etc., whereas the electricity figures are in every respect inclusive.

It is recognized that gas lighting has recently shown an advance in efficiency while remaining at a price lower than that of electricity. At the same time, however, it is not considered that such improvement would justify the Council in adopting it in preference to electricity, although the difference in cost, in favour of the former, is carefully borne in mind.

One of the principal factors which has determined this decision is the experience that incandescent gas mantles deteriorate very rapidly, and that after a few hundred hours they lose a very large percentage of their original brilliancy.

On the other hand, metallic filament lamps retain their initial brilliancy, within 10 per cent, after having been in use for a thousand hours. It is also noted that gas mantles are frequently kept in use after the point at which deterioration has begun and the light given is consequently of an inferior quality. Metallic filament lamps usually break when they have reached the stage at which inferior illumination begins, and they are then necessarily at once renewed.

The high candle power claimed for incandescent gas is, in the Council's opinion, frequently fictitious for the reasons given in the last paragraph. On the other hand, electric arc lamps emit their initial candle power after several years' use, provided that the lamp adjustment, trimming of carbons and globe cleaning are well looked after.

One the most important essentials of street lighting is that there should be good diffusion. It is noticed that an incandescent gas lamp, when the mantle is new, appears to give a very bright and intense light, even more so, when observed close at hand, than metallic filament lamps.

Pending the introduction of the photometric tests mentioned in my letter of May 31, it is not possible at present to give actual comparative figures, but from general observation, it has been found that, immediately surrounding the lamp, the gas will show a stronger light, yet at a short distance the illuminative properties of the electric lamp, owing to superior diffusion, will show a better result. If such is assumed to be the case when both the gas and electric lamps are new, the difference in favour of electricity will be found to be more strongly marked after the lamps have been in operation for a few weeks.

It will thus be seen that the comparative figures contained in page 3 of your letter are somewhat misleading. If a 60 c.p. incandescent gas lamp were in no way inferior to a metallic filament lamp of like candle power, the lower price of the former would probably decide the Council in favour of its more extensive use, but as matters are at present, the Council does not feel justified in adopting a system of lighting which, in its opinion, would in the end probably prove the more expensive.

A further point in favour of electricity, which is not without value, is that of convenience. Each gas lamp of necessity has to be lighted individually, whereas the system of electric lighting is so arranged that all the lamps in use are switched simultaneously from four centres.

In conclusion I am to add that the Electricity Department is in the nature of a Municipal Undertaking, the ratepayers sharing in the profits, and the Council is naturally inclined to take this fact into consideration when making a decision such as the present, although not to the extent which you apparently infer.

It is true that the Council desires to obtain the best lighting possible at the lowest cost, and that the principle is regarded as of the first importance when questions of public lighting are to be decided, but the Council has yet to be convinced that the more general use of gas in preference to electricity is a scheme which, having regard both to existing conditions and to the future, when the cost of electric current may be still further reduced, would be to the general interests of the public.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

G. R. WINGROVE, Esq.,
Secretary,
Shanghai Gas Co., Ld.

Municipal Properties

Dalny Road, Surplus Land.—The Engineer forwards an offer by the owner of Cadastral lot 2696 to purchase the two pieces of surplus land owned by the Council between this property and Dalny Road. The suggested terms are at the rate paid for the land and include payment for half the road. They are therefore regarded by the Council as acceptable.

Road Extensions and Widenings.

Dalny Road.—With reference to the Award No. XLI of the Land Commission, set out on page 339 of the Annual Report for 1906, protracted negotiations with Messrs. Moorhead & Halse, the registered owners of the property in question, Cadastral lot 2400, have resulted in an arrangement under which the extension will be constructed along the western boundary of the lot, instead of in the present scheduled position.

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The width of the new section will be increased from 30 to 40 feet while the compensation will be the net sum mentioned in the Award without the special payment for loss of river frontage, i.e, a sum of Tls. 5,698.41.

The Council has undertaken to lease to the owner a 10-foot strip of the roadway on the eastern side, from the former high-water mark to the new Conservancy Normal Line, at a nominal rental of $1 per annum, for so long as the property is used as a wharf. It is also agreed that a sewer may be laid by the Council, if desired, along the original scheduled line of the road.

Parks and Open Spaces.

The minutes of the meeting of the Parks Committee of Thursday, August 5, are read and confirmed.

There were present:—

Messrs. A. E. Algar
R. H. Beauchamp
J. H. Teesdale
The Acting Engineer
The Acting Superintendent of Parks and
Assistant Secretary.

The following are ordered for publication:—

Mr. Teesdale, proposed by Mr. Beauchamp and seconded by Mr. Algar, is elected Chairman.

Upon the suggestion of Mr. Teesdale the Committee recommends that Mr. J. Ambrose, who has expressed his willingness to serve, be asked to join the Committee in place of Mr. C. D. Kerr

Procedure.—The members are of opinion that it would be more satisfactory if a meeting of the Committee be held once a month, and this course will therefore be followed for the future.

Hongkew Recreation Ground.—An amended set of Regulations is submitted in draft, and will be circulated to members for consideration. At the suggestion of Mr. Beauchamp a clause will be inserted to the effect that the gateways be closed at stated times, midnight in summer and 7 p.m. in winter being regarded as suitable hours.

Bund Foreshore.—The Chairman draws attention to the untidy condition in which this foreshore is frequently found. Directions are given that more careful supervision be exercised over the coolies employed there as regards the removal of waste paper and fruit skins, and also that attention be paid to the weeds which spring up between the stones, both upon this and the Soochow Creek foreshore.

Bubbling Well Carriage Turn.—The Committee calls for a report from the Superintendent with a view to a general improvement in the appearance of the trees at this spot. It appears preferable that the work be performed during the coming winter and the question of traffic and shade for carriages will be taken into consideration.

Roadside Trees.—The Chairman proposes a scheme for the more extensive planting of roadside trees, for example, in such localities as the Sungkiang Road and the east side of the Siccawei Road. It is noted that the number of saplings in stock is considerable and the Superintendent is directed, in the first place, to draw up a report as to the most suitable roads, and also to prepare an estimate of the probable cost of the necessary labour.

Tramways.

The minutes of the meeting between Sub-Committees of the Council and of the Local Board of the Shanghai Electric Construction Co., Ld., held on July 27, are read and ordered for publication.

Minutes of a meeting held on July 27, 1909, at 4 o'clock p.m., for the discussion and settlement of various matters outstanding with respect to the Shanghai Tramways.

Present:

Messrs.
D. Landale (*Chairman*) } Representing
O. Meuser } the Council

Messrs.
A. M. Marshall } Representing
E. Wheeley } the Company

The General Manager of the Company and the Secretary to the Local Board.

The Acting Municipal Engineer, the Electrical Engineer and the Secretary.

At the opening of the proceedings Mr. Wheeley reads a memorandum summarizing the history of the concession, and attributing the present position to the hard bargain made by the Council four years ago. He admits that the original concessionaires had no intention of operating the tramway, and that they gave way on many points solely in order to secure the concession against their competitors. He concludes with the statement that the line has been economically constructed, and that the present financial position of the Company calls for exceptional treatment at the Council's hands.

The Chairman, in reply, expresses the view that the concession having been obtained after open tender and subsequently ratified by the public, can only be modified after due deliberation and with public approval.

Through Running Powers.—The new draft agreement, the third submitted, appears to the Council acceptable with the following minor points calling for note:—

(a) The official approval of the Council will be given for one year, and subsequently be subject to revocation at three months' notice.

(b) The change in the arbitration clause, No. 20, does not meet with the Council's approval, and the Company undertakes, if possible, to procure the French Company's assent to the clause as it stood in the second draft.

(c) The Company agrees to insert a clause providing that the agreement is subject to the terms of the two Concession Agreements.

(*d*) The obligation of each Company to supply power to the other in the event of failure of its own current, will be limited to 24 hours. This change indicates that provisions of Clause 16 will apply only in temporary emergency.

(*e*) The word "International" as applied to the Settlement will be changed to the word "Foreign."

Bridges over the Yangkingpang.—The Chairman states that a new proposal has been received from the French Council with respect to the Bund Bridge, that an entirely new bridge be erected in reinforced concrete, and it is probable that the Council will assent to this proposal. The estimated cost is Tls. 60,000 and Mr. Wheeley observes that the Company will improbably be willing to exceed its contribution, formerly arranged, of Tls. 10,000. This matter will await the receipt of tenders for the work, and, in the meanwhile, the Council assents to such strengthening of the existing bridge as is necessary for the temporary accommodation of a single line of tramways, at the joint cost of the two Companies.

The strengthening of the Chekiang Road Bridge has already been approved and, so far as the Council is concerned, the work may proceed forthwith, provided the necessary plans are submitted for the approval of the Municipal Engineer.

Guard Wires.—The Chairman states that the Telephone Company has demonstrated that the cost of the cradling works carried out has exceeded the original estimate of Tls. 3,750, which amount therefore falls to be paid by the Tramway Company. Some discussion ensues as to the meaning of the minute, on this subject, of the meeting with the Local Board on January 11, Mr. Marshall observing that the Company should not be called upon to pay more than the estimated original cost of guard wires, viz., Tls. 1,618. Mr. Wheeley explains that the Company's contractors had agreed to pay Tls. 1,875 in lieu of guard wires. While the Electrical Engineer will check the guard wire estimate, it is decided to ascertain what minimum payment the Telephone Company will accept.

Gas Main in the Canton Road.—The final award of the Arbitrator in the Gas Company's suit has been received and will be published at an early date. Discussion of the Tramway Company's liability thereunder, in accordance with the former minute, is deferred for the present.

Road Repairs.—With regard to the maintenance of the wooden portion of the track, Mr. McColl states that the Company has already complied with the Engineer's requirements on this subject. With regard to the maintenance of roads generally, it is noted that the Company seeks some relief from its liabilities in this respect.

Re-painting of the Cars.—As to a specimen car which has been re-painted in two colours, indicating 1st and 2nd Class, the Chairman states that while this type of car appears less sightly than the original dark red vehicle, the Council does not object to the new design, which, it is understood, will prove attractive to Chinese passengers.

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Power Rate and Royalty.—Coming now to the main reason for the present meeting, Mr. Wheeley sets out the Company's request for the abatement of the conditions imposed under the concession agreement in respect to these matters. In his opinion the figures submitted by the General Manager display a position warranting the revision of the terms of the concession to an extent such as will put the Company upon a dividend bearing basis. It is clear that the Company's responsibilities for payment of current at the rates in the present tariff and for payment of the royalty of 5 per cent on gross receipts, preclude such a result, particularly when it is remembered that maintenance charges will increase in the ordinary course of operations. In his opinion, it will be the wish of the public that the tramway service be placed on a remunerative basis.

The Chairman referring to the Company's requests, viz.:

(i) Reduction in the price of current to a flat rate of 3.75 candareens per unit.

(ii) Alteration in the basis of the royalty from 5 per cent on gross receipts to to 10 per cent on net receipts.

(iii) Release of the Company from all responsibility for road repairs, expresses the opinion that these changes are of so sweeping a nature as to involve a complete change in the character of the concession agreement, which the Council is not disposed to sanction without the authority of the Ratepayers. Mr. Landale, therefore, points out the advisability of calling a Special Meeting of Ratepayers in the autumn, when the representatives of the Company may have an opportunity of laying their case before the public. The Council will use its influence in calling the meeting together, and, while favourably disposed towards acquiescence in the Company's requests, is not prepared to state definitely what attitude it will adopt until the Company's Resolutions are formulated. It is pointed out that the Company's accounts and balance sheet to September 30 should be in the Ratepayers' hands before the meeting, so that the results of operating the tramway and the financial position of the Company will be clearly understood.

The meeting adjourns at 6.15 p.m.

Tenders.

The following are authorized for acceptance:—

Supply of 100 Steel Poles, 30 feet long, for electric street lighting, Messrs. Bullers, Ld., at £2.14.5 each, f.o.b. London.

Repairs to the Steam-launch Swift, The Vulcan Ironworks Ld., Tls. 275.

The following tenders were also received:—

	Tls.
New Engineering & Shipbuilding Works, Ld.	485
Shanghai Dock & Engineering Co., Ld.	435

The meeting adjourns at 6.00 p.m.

The following documents are ordered for publication with the foregoing minutes:—

Public Band.

The performances during next week will (weather permitting) be as follows:

Mon.	Aug. 23,	9.00 p.m.	Public Garden
Tues.	„ 24,	9.00 „	Hongkew Recreation Ground
Wed.	„ 25,	5.30 „	Public Garden
Thurs.	„ 26,	9.00 „	Public Garden
Fri.	„ 27,	5.30 „	Hongkew Recreation Ground
Sat.	„ 28,	5.00 „	Public Recreation Ground
		9.00 „	Public Garden

Notification of Infectious Disease.

The following have been reported during the week ending Sunday, August 15, 1909.	Death among Chinese population of 550,000	Cases notified among Non-Chinese population of 15,000.
Small-pox.	0	0
Cholera.	0	0
Typhoid Fever	—	1
Diphtheria.	0	0
Scarlet Fever.	0	0
Tuberculosis	23	0
Plague	0	0
Total Deaths from all Causes	306	5

ARTHUR STANLEY,
Health Officer.

Summary of Plague Prevention Work during the week ending August 15, 1909.

	District				Total
	Eastern	Northern	Central	Western	
Rats found dead and brought to the Laboratory for examination	43	88	91	39	261
Rats plague infected	0	0	0	0	0
No. of traps in operation	2400	2400	1500	400	6700
No. of rats trapped and burnt	248	610	404	273	1535
Poisoned baits laid	0	0	0	0	0
Houses temporarily rat-proofed and disinfected under notice to occupier	126	0	0	0	0
Houses rat-proofed under notice to owner	0	0	0	0	0
Persons vaccinated against plague	0	0	0	0	0

ARTHUR STANLEY,
Health Officer.

Report of Captain-Superintendent of Police for July.

Strength of the Force on July 31, 1909.

Officers	8
Foreigners	219
Sikhs	530
Chinese	969
Clerical and Teaching Staff ...	44
Supernumeraries ...	91
Total ...	1,861

Fires.—During July fifteen fires occurred as against fourteen in the same month last year. Of the fifteen, twelve of these were extinguished by the inmates of the houses and the Police; three required the attendance of the Fire Brigade. In nine cases out of fifteen the premises were not insured. There were only two prosecutions during the month, the same being for criminal negligence.

Health of the Force.—During July the health of the Force suffered to a somewhat unusual extent, even allowing for the hot season. This may partly be accounted for by the continuous rainfall of the previous month. Throughout June the men were constantly wet through by day and night, and the work of that portion of the Force on beat and traffic duty was, during that period, particularly trying.

Crime.—On the 7th of last month a murder occurred about 9 p.m. in an alleyway off the North Shanse Road. A gang of half a dozen thieves was staying in a lodging-house in that street, and their presence was known to the murdered man who belonged to the same class. He had threatened to denounce them and had on more than one occasion received money to refrain from doing so. His exactions becoming intolerable the gang decided on putting him out of the way. Two of those concerned in the murder have been arrested.

Of petty crime an increase has taken place in larcenies. Both snatchings and burglaries have been considerably on the decrease.

Opium.—In view of the approaching closing of the remainder of the opium-houses in the Settlement, it may be of interest to state that private smoking is distinctly on the increase.

There is evidence to show that opium is smoked more than it used to be in lodging-houses and native brothels. It is possible that lodgers carry their own opium more generally than was formerly the custom, but it is not conclusively proved that lodging-housekeepers do not in some cases supply the drug and the necessary paraphernalia for smoking.

Gaol.—The total value of labour performed by the convicts of the Municipal Gaol during June was Tls. 1,526.63. During July Tls. 1,012.28.

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Here follow tables of persons coming under the notice of the Police for criminal and other offences, punishments inflicted, prisoners in custody, vehicles' licenses suspended and confiscated, dogs captured, etc., value of property stolen and recovered, and warrants and summonses.

C. D. BRUCE,
Captain-Superintendent.

Prisoners in Custody

July 31, 1909.

Central Station	33
Louza Station	47
Hongkew Station	52
West Hongkew Station	40
Harbin Road Sub-Station	8
Wayside Station	30
Gaol	889
Yangtszepoo Station	8
Sinza Station	35
Bubbling Well Station	26
Total	1,168

Vehicle Licenses.

	Suspended	Confiscated
Ricsha	1,606	3,340
Wheelbarrow	3	—
Handcart	—	—
Total	1,609	3,340

Value of Property Stolen between

June 26 and July 31, 1909.

	Dollars
Stolen	26,876.02
Recovered	17,656.30

Return of Persons coming under the notice of Police for Criminal and other Offences.

Offences.	Foreigners	Natives	Total
(*a*) OFFENCES AGAINST THE PERSON:—			
Murder		2	2
Manslaughter		1	1
Attempted suicide		3	3
Cutting and wounding		3	3
Assault	4	65	69
Rape		1	1
Kidnapping		48	48
Cruelty to or trafficking in women or children		12	12
Adultery		2	2
Bribery		1	1
Bringing false charge		5	5
Contempt of Court	1	3	4
Causing bodily injury		3	3
Desertion	1		1
(*b*) OFFENCES AGAINST RIGHTS OF PROPERTY:—			
Robbery		17	17
Embezzlement		6	6
Extortion		12	12
Burglary		18	18
Housebreaking		5	5
Obtaining goods or money by false pretences		15	15
Fraud		16	16
Receiving stolen property		16	16
Unlawful possession		29	29
Uttering counterfeit coin	1	3	4
Malicious injury		4	4
Larceny	1	242	243
Civil Offences:—Debt		33	36
Breach of contract		3	3
Others		15	15
Godown breaking		1	1
Trespass		14	14
Criminal negligence (fires)		9	9
(*c*) ACTS INJURIOUS TO THE PUBLIC:—			
Common nuisances		1,738	1,738
Vagrancy		84	84
Returning after expulsion	3	20	23
Disorderly and improper conduct	15	202	217
Soliciting prostitution		27	27
Depositing garbage		78	78
Traffic:—Furious driving		21	21
Obstruction		1,833	1,833
Harbouring and assisting criminals		2	2
Arms, unlawful carrying		1	1
Obstructing the police		5	5
Public gambling		17	17
Publishing libel		3	3
Cruelty to animals		6	6
Storing straw in excessive quantity		1	1
Singing an indecent song		1	1
Loitering for purpose of committing a felony		20	20
Dangerous to peace & good order of the Settlement		34	34
Selling unsound meat		4	4
Selling unsound fruit		3	3
Selling impure Ice Cream		1	1
Selling impure Lemonade		1	1
Selling lottery tickets		2	2
Selling obscene pictures		3	3
Miscellaneous		63	63
Breach of license conditions:—Wine-shop		3	3
Dog	9	3	12
Tea-shop		8	8
Laundry		5	5
Opium-shop		4	4
Lodging-house		2	2
Billiard Saloon		2	2
Hotel	1		1
Pawn-shop		4	4
Evading license:—Liquor	3		3
Club		2	2
Opium-shop		6	6
Wine shop		2	2
Aerated water factory	2		2
(*d*) NOT CHARGED:—			
Market		1	1
Beggars, Hawkers, Ragpickers		2,703	2,703
Others	34	447	481
Total	75	7,972	8,047

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Return of Sentences, Decisions, etc.

Sentence.	Foreigners	Natives	Total
Imprisonment	5	419	424
Cangue		6	6
Expulsion or deportation	2	4	6
Fined	26	375	401
Imprisonment and cangue		3	3
„ „ expulsion		82	82
„ cangue and expulsion		1	1
Cangue and fined		1	1
Bail forfeited...		3,551	3,551
Cautioned	1	30	31
Dismissed	6	60	66
Released on Security		65	65
Left to Court...		42	42
Handed to parents or guardians		28	28
Sent to Reformatory		7	7
„ Slave Girls' Refuge		1	1
„ Sinza Refuge		94	94
„ Door of Hope		19	19
„ Native Authorities		16	16
Sent on board ship for punishment	1		1
Sent to French Mixed Court		4	4
Detained at Mixed Court		3	3
Appeared as witnesses		2	2
Cases to be settled privately		2	2
Ricsha confiscated		2	2
To publish an apology		3	3
Reprimanded..		2	2
Total ...	41	4,822	4,863

Warrants and Summonses.

	Issued	Executed or Served
Warrants	64	29
Summonses	224	170

Dogs.

At Kennels June 30, 09	15	133
Captured	118	
Returned	20	133
Killed	102	
Remaining at Kennels	11	

Summary of General Municipal Rate, Foreign. June Quarter

	1909.		1908.		1907.	
	No. of Houses.	Rental Assessment.	No. of Houses.	Rental Assessment.	No. of Houses.	Rental Assessment.
		$		$		$
Central District.....	12,304	4,241,577	12,322	4,243,667	12,245	4,138,112
Northern do.	15,594	2,087,822	15,340	2,056,786	15,026	1,967,024
Eastern do.	12,888	945,414	12,431	939,381	11,974	900,698
Western do.	10,246	1,001,490	9,870	971,085	8,809	818,874
Outside Settlement Limits	3,862	346,941	3,375	290,453	2,476	190,243
Total	54,894	8,623,244	53,338	8,501,372	50,530	8,014,951
Occupied by Foreigners	1,221	301,554	1,035	283,197	1,094	401,396
do. Natives	49,133	7,452,692	48,073	7,498,774	47,239	7,234,327
Unoccupied	4,540	868,998	4,230	719,401	2,197	379,228
Total	54,894	8,623,244	53,338	8,501,372	50,530	8,014,951
Tax Collected—		$		$		$
Central District		116,563		120,197		100,409
Northern do.		56,687		56,433		46,362
Eastern do.		24,598		24,788		20,822
Western do.		24,874		24,570		18,621
Outside Settlement Limits		4,619		3,512		2,105
Total		227,341		229,500		188,319

A. JOHNSFORD,

Overseer of Taxes.

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MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION.

No. 1864.

CLOSE SEASON FOR GAME.

NOTICE is hereby given that the close season for pheasants, deer, hare and partridges will expire on September 30.

No prohibition attaches to the sale of snipe, quail, woodcock and wild fowl.

By order,
W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

Council Room,
Shanghai, September 12, 1907.

MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION.

No. 1982.

(*Amended.*)

ELECTRICITY DEPARTMENT.

THE Council is prepared to receive tenders for the following :—

A. The supply and delivery at the Electricity Works, c.i.f. duty paid, of 9,700 Carbon Filament Incandescent Lamps.

B. The supply and delivery at the Electricity Works, c.i.f. duty paid, of 23,250 Metallic Filament Lamps.

C. The supply, delivery and erection at the Electricity Works, c.i.f. duty paid, of an Electric Goods Lift, capable of raising and lowering a load of 2½ tons.

Conditions, specifications, forms of tender and all necessary information may be obtained upon application to the Electrical Engineer, Mr. T. H. U. Aldridge, at the Works, 31 Fearon Road.

A charge of Tls. 25 will be made for each specification, which will be returned upon the receipt of a *bonâ fide* tender.

Sealed tenders will be received by the undersigned as follows:—

A. marked "Tender for Carbon Lamps," not later than noon on Thursday, September 30, 1909.

B. marked "Tender for Metallic Lamps," not later than noon on Thursday, September 30, 1909.

C. marked "Tender for Electric Lift," not later than noon on Tuesday, September 7, 1909.

The Council does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender, or to pay any expenses which the contractor may incur in tendering.

The names of tenderers, with the prices quoted, will be published for general information.

By order,
W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

Council Room,
Shanghai, July 30, 1909.

MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION.

No. 1983.

SIKH WATCHMEN.

EMPLOYERS of Registered Sikh Watchmen are requested to pay the men's monthly wages only on production of a special form of certificate signed by the Assistant Superintendent of Police (Sikhs), and setting out the amount due and other particulars of service.

By this means the Police control over the men will be adequately maintained.

By order,
W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

Council Room,
Shanghai, July 12, 1909.

Police.

Foreign Branch.—The following promotions have been authorized :—

To be 1st Class Inspector from August 17.

W. R. Kinipple.

To be 1st Class Sergeant from August 15.

C. Craig.

To be 2nd Class Constables from August 10.

M. Baillie
W. Champney
H. Fraser
F. Langford
J. Sinclair
W. Smith
A. V. Stewart.

Constable P. Murray has been dismissed the Force for continued drunkenness and conduct prejudicial to discipline with effect from August 19.

The service of Probationary Warder Westall terminated with effect from August 23.

Sikh Branch.—On the occasion of the retirement, after 23 years exemplary service, of Sergeant-Major Ganda Singh, application has been made through H.M. Consul-General to the Government of India, for a grant of land such as is allotted to Indian Army Pensioners, in accordance with the following letters :—

Council Room,
Shanghai, August 9, 1909.

SIR,—I have the honour to bring to your notice the case of Ganda Singh, Sergeant-Major in the Sikh Branch of the Police Force, whose services have recently terminated upon resignation.

Ganda Singh, the son of Vir Singh, of the caste Dhilon, is a native of the village of Sur Singh (Pattee Shamkee) in the district of Lahore. He served for 5 years in the Hongkong and Singapore Battalion of the Royal Garrison Artillery in Hongkong, and joined the Shanghai Municipal Police Force in 1886; he is now retiring after 23 years "exemplary" service.

It is known to the Council that small grants of land are allotted to Indian Army Pensioners, and it is believed that with your support a like grant could be obtained in this case.

I have, therefore, the honour to request your good offices in bringing the Council's request to the notice of the Indian Government that the petition of Ganda Singh may be granted, and that, although he is not strictly entitled, he may enjoy a privilege which his long and faithful services surely justify.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,
DAVID LANDALE,
Chairman.

SIR PELHAM WARREN, K.C.M.G.,
H.M. Consul-General.

Shanghai, August 10, 1909.

SIR,—I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 9th instant, requesting me to communicate to the Government of India the petition of Ganda Singh, late Sergeant-Major in the Sikh Branch of the Municipal Police Force.

I have this day forwarded copy of your letter to the Secretary, Army Department, Government of India, with a strong recommendation that the request contained therein be granted, in view of Ganda Singh's long and faithful service in the Municipal Police Force.

The decision of the Indian Government will be communicated to you in due course.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
PELHAM WARREN,
Consul-General.

D. LANDALE, Esq.,
Chairman, Municipal Council.

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Mixed Court.

Case 8030.—J. Beauvoir, alias Bercowitch, convicted of obtaining bicycles under false pretences and disposing of them at a Japanese pawnshop, was sentenced on July 30 to six months' imprisonment. Originally charged before the French Court, this man was unable to establish citizenship. In the absence of accommodation for foreign convicts in the Municipal Gaol, arrangements have been made whereby the term of imprisonment will be served in H.M. Consular Gaol.

Policing Beyond Limits.

Use of Firearms.—The ensuing correspondence follows the minute on this subject published in the Gazette of August 19:—

Council Room,

Shanghai, August 13, 1909.

SIR,—I have the honour to inform you that the Council learns from a Police report that on August 9 six shots were fired by the native preventive service upon salt smugglers in the Whangpoo near the Lay and Yangtszepoo Roads.

It appears that these shots were fired from an armed boat employed in stopping the landing of a cargo of smuggled salt, and that, owing to the proximity of the Yangtszepoo Road, they might easily have killed or injured persons using that thoroughfare. More than one instance of the indiscriminate use of firearms by soldiers and constabulary in the employ of the Native Authorities in the close neighbourhood of the Settlement came to the Council's notice during last year, notably on the unfortunate occasion of an affray in December wherein two children were ruthlessly shot by a party of the Chapei Constabulary stated to be engaged in the suppression of public gambling. In order, therefore, to prevent loss of life the Council feels bound to draw the attention of the Consular Body to the need of checking this very dangerous practice.

I have, therefore, the honour to request that a communication be addressed to the Taotai on the subject, requesting him to give instructions to subordinate officials on the borders of the Settlement to use due care and precaution upon occasions of this kind, and to refrain from firing to the common danger in the neighbourhood of the boundary or along the banks of the Whangpoo.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

DAVID LANDALE,

Chairman.

D. SIFFERT, Esq.,
Consul-General for Belgium,
and Senior Consul.

Shanghai, August 18, 1909.

SIR,—With reference to your letter of the 13th instant as to indiscriminate firing in the close neighbourhood of the Settlement I have the honour to inform you that I have to-day written to the Taotai in the sense desired.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

D. SIFFERT,

Consul-General for Belgium, and Senior Consul.

D. LANDALE, Esq.,
Chairman, Municipal Council.

Road Extensions and Widenings.

Peking Road.—The following correspondence contains the terms upon which the scheduled strip of Cadastral Lot 209 has been acquired:—

Shanghai, May 18, 1909.

DEAR SIR,—We have to acknowledge receipt of your three letters of May 6 on the subject of the surrender from Cad. Lots Nos. 190, 209 and 211 for widening the Peking Road and as those three lots belong to the same owner we deal with them jointly, and we beg to enclose a plan of those lots showing the buildings on them as they are at present together with a line in *red* showing the proposed surrenders.

In the case of Cad. Lot No. 211 the enclosed plan shows the line of frontage to the Peking Road as being straight whereas your plan does not show it as being straight. We do not know which plan is correct, but ours is a tracing from plans made by the late G. J. Morrison; but whichever is correct the result of the proposed widening to the existing buildings would be practically the same.

An examination of the enclosed plan will convince you that if your proposals are carried out it will mean in the case of Cad. Lot No. 211 an almost entire reconstruction of that lot, and in the case of Cad. Lot No. 209 the loss of the kitchens abutting on the Peking Road.

Cad. Lot No. 190 is the only lot which would not be seriously affected but even in the case of that lot the proposed surrender would necessitate the reconstruction of the shops fronting the Peking Road.

From this you will realize it is quite impossible for us to say for how much we would surrender the strips required. The basis, however, of such surrenders would be—

(1) The loss in rental sustained by such surrenders capitalized at 6 per cent.
(2) Payment of all rent during reconstruction together with all loss of rental until the houses were again fully occupied as they are at present, and
(3) Entire cost of reconstruction however much that may amount to.

Yours faithfully,

E. D. SASSOON & Co.

CHAS. MAYNE, Esq.,
Municipal Engineer & Surveyor.

Council Room,

Shanghai, June 20, 1909.

GENTLEMEN,—I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of May 18 addressed to the Engineer on the subject of the surrenders ex Cadastral Lot 190, 209 and 211 required for the widening of the Peking Road.

In reply I am directed in the first place to inform you that the Council has decided in carrying out the improvement of the Peking Road that as a general rule buildings which will not project beyond the new 5-foot footways shall preferably be left standing until demolished in the ordinary course. In the case, therefore, of Lot 211 for the distance between the Honan Road and the central alleyway in the block negotiations for surrender are not at present necessary. Your view that the surrenders required from this lot will necessitate reconstruction of the entire block is not in the Council's opinion well grounded, and it appears clear that re-arrangement of one or at most two rows of houses alone is requisite.

I am further directed to urge upon you earnestly the importance of accepting the basis of compensation, sketched in the Council's minute published in the Municipal Gazette of June 4, for land of which the surrender is required to form this thoroughfare, namely, its assessed value with 10 per cent added for compulsory surrender, and a reduction of this amount by one-third for betterment, with reasonable allowances for reinstatement and loss of rental during progress of the work. The Council trusts that you will not fail to recognize the marked increase in value which must accrue to these properties from a comprehensive improvement of this character and confidently awaits your further consideration accordingly.

I shall be obliged, therefore, if for the land required you will submit a claim on the basis above named, and three separate claims for the reinstatement costs involved in each of the cases in question.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

J. B. A. MACKINNON,

Assistant Secretary.

Messrs. E. D. SASSOON & Co.

Shanghai, June 28, 1909.

DEAR SIR,—We beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 20th instant on the subject of the surrenders ex Cad. Lots Nos. 190, 209 and 211 for widening the Peking Road in which you request us to submit a claim on the basis of the assessed value of the land plus 10 per cent for compulsory surrender less one-third for betterment together with reasonable allowances to us for reinstatement and loss of rental during the progress of the work.

In reply we beg to refer you to our letter of May 18 last addressed to Mr. C. Mayne in which we detailed the terms upon which we were prepared to surrender the strips required (or any

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modifications of same as outlined in your letter under reply) and upon those terms and those terms alone are we prepared to surrender.

We are, Dear Sir,
Yours faithfully,
E. D. SASSOON & Co.

J. B. A. MACKINNON, Esq.,
Assistant Secretary, Municipal Council.

Council Room,
Shanghai, July 16, 1909.

GENTLEMEN,—In reply to your letter of June 28, on the subject of certain of your properties in the Peking Road which are affected by the Council's present widening proposals, I am directed to state that so far as Lot 190 and the eastern half of Lot 211 are concerned, the Council has decided to leave matters as at present until such time as rebuilding takes place in the ordinary course of events. This decision rests on the fact that in these cases a less width than 5 feet is scheduled, and that, in consequence, the widening is required only for the footway, and does not affect the projected 30-foot metalled carriage-way.

In regard to Lot 209, which involves the loss of certain kitchens, the Council understands that you are prepared to compile a claim in detail, and I am directed to request, therefore, that you may be good enough to submit such a claim with as little delay as possible.

In respect to the western portion of Lot 211, the Council will address you again at a later date.

In conclusion I am again to express the hope that, so far as is in your power, you will assist the Council in the important work of improving the traffic facilities in the Peking Road.

I am, Gentlemen,
Your obedient servant,
W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

Messrs. E. D. SASSOON & Co.

Shanghai, July 22, 1909.

DEAR SIR,—We beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 16th instant, re Peking Road widening and note from it that for the reason given it is not the Council's intention to at present deal with Cad. Lot No. 190 nor with the Eastern half of Cad. Lot No. 211, but that you wish us to formulate a claim as to Cad. Lot No. 209 leaving the question of the western half of Cad. Lot No. 211 to be dealt with at a later date.

With regard to Cad. Lot No. 209 we are prepared to surrender the strip required at its assessed value plus 10 per cent for compulsory surrender together with the cost of reinstating the kitchen to the best possible advantage and in accordance with our ideas on the reduced area of the land, but this offer you may consider as withdrawn if any claim—of any description whatsoever for betterment is advanced by the Council.

We are, Dear Sir,
Yours faithfully,
E. D. SASSOON & Co.

W. E. LEVESON. Esq.,
Secretary, Municipal Council.

Shanghai, August 24, 1909.

DEAR SIR,—Referring to the strip of land required by the Council from Cad. Lot No. 209 for widening the Peking Road and which strip is said to measure Mow 0.100, we are prepared to accept the sum of Tls. 2,600 as payment in full for the aforesaid strip together with cost of reinstallment and loss of rental during such reinstallment.

Trusting this will meet with your approval.

We are, Dear Sir,
Yours faithfully,
E. D. SASSOON & Co.

W. E. LEVESON, Esq.,
Secretary, Municipal Council.

Council Room,
Shanghai, September 2, 1909.

GENTLEMEN,—In reply to your letter August 24 I am directed to state that the Council accepts your proposal as to compensation for the strip of the Cadastral Lot 209 scheduled for the widening of the Peking Road.

It is understood that the payment of Tls. 2,600 will cover the claim in every respect, and I am to add that the Council's acceptance is by way of compromise and is dictated by a desire to complete the improvement works in this thoroughfare with the least possible delay.

I am, Gentlemen,
Your obedient servant,
W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

Messrs. E. D. SASSOON & Co.

With reference to minutes published on June 10 and July 8, the sale is reported of the houses on Cadastral Lot 314 as old materials; Purchaser Yue Chong; Price $222. The work of demolition is proceeding and the widening will be effected forthwith.

Wuchow and Sawgin Roads.—The question of compensation payable in respect to the portion of Cadastral Lot 450 scheduled for the extension of these roads to their point of intersection, will be referred to the Land Commission for settlement in terms of the following correspondence:—

Shanghai, July 6, 1909.

DEAR SIR,—Will you be good enough as to submit to the consideration of the Works Committee of the Municipal Council the very bad state of all the roads of access to the Wuchow Road in the Eastern District?

The Jin Chong Filature Co. on whose behalf I am writing as Agent, own a silk filature at No. 1 Wuchow Road, where over 1,000 hands are employed, and to get there specially in rainy weather, no matter whether it be by the East Yalu or the East Kashing Roads, one has to go through not less than 100 yards of road which can only be compared to an open field.

As you can easily understand such state of affairs is greatly detrimental to the working of a mill, because on rainy days many work people rather than going through such a stretch of mud and pools of water remain at home and several of them on account of that have left the mill altogether to go and work in some other filature situated on good roads.

Considering the taxes that have been paid for many years by the inhabitants of that district it appears to me quite reasonable on their part to ask the Council to provide them with a good road of access.

I hope the Works Committee will view favourably my request, and while I beg you to convey to them my thanks in advance,

I remain, Dear Sir,
Yours faithfully,
M. DENEGRI,
Agent Jin Chong Filature Co.

W. E. LEVESON, Esq.,
Secretary, Municipal Council.

Council Room,
Shanghai, July 17, 1909.

SIR,—In reply to your letter of July 6, I am directed to state that the Council realizes that the present condition of the Wuchow Road is not satisfactory, and has given directions for its improvement so far as circumstances will permit.

Considerable difficulty has been experienced in acquiring the land for road purposes north of the East Yalu Road; as instances of which I may mention that the owner of Lot 438 is in England, and the Council has been in communication as to the strips of the lot required for upwards of three years; a portion also of your filature lot is required for road purposes, and a plan showing the scheduled strip will be forwarded to you from the Public Works Office at an early date.

So soon as these two matters have been settled, and the remaining pieces of unregistered land purchased, which latter work will be undertaken without delay, the making up of the road will proceed.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

M. DENEGRI, Esq.,
Jin Chong Filature Co.

Shanghai, July 19, 1909.

DEAR SIR,—I shall feel obliged if you will kindly inform me upon what terms you will be prepared to surrender, should the Council decide to acquire it, that portion of B.C. Lot 2524 which is scheduled for acquisition on the official plan of Road Extensions and Widenings, measuring Mow 0.803 and coloured red on the accompanying plan.

I am, Dear Sir,
Yours faithfully,
CHAS. H. GODFREY,
Acting Engineer & Surveyor.

M. DENEGRI, Esq.,
Jin Chong Filature Co.

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Shanghai, July 21, 1909.

DEAR SIR,—In reply to your letter of the 19th instant, re Wuchow Road extension I beg to state that I am prepared to surrender to the Council for road purposes the part of B.C. Lot 2524 marked red in the plan you sent me, and measuring in all Mow 0.803 at the price of Shanghai Tls. 4,000 per mow, or Tls. 3,212 for the whole strip required.

The sale would be made only on condition that the suction pipes at present laid down from the filature to the creek are not to be disturbed, and that the portion of boundary wall at the south-east corner of the filature compound is to be re-erected at the Council's expense along the proposed roadline, in the same style as it is at present.

I remain, Dear Sir,
Yours faithfully,
M. DENEGRI.

C. H. GODFREY, Esq.,
Acting Municipal Engineer.

Council Room,
Shanghai, August 9, 1909.

SIR,—I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of July 21, addressed to the Municipal Engineer, on the subject of the extension of the Wuchow and Sawgin Roads through Cadastral Lot 450.

In reply thereto I am to state that your claim is regarded as excessive, for the reason that the basis of the claim is Tls. 1,000 per mow above the assessed value of the lot, while the question of the great benefit which the property will derive from the construction of the road has not been taken into account; a factor which is evidently of considerable importance in view of your letter of July 6, written on behalf of the Jin Chong Filature Co.

I am, therefore, directed to make a counter-offer based upon the assessed value of the property plus 10 per cent with a deduction therefrom of one-third for betterment, of a sum of Tls 1,767 for the Mow 0.803 involved, and to express the hope that you will assent to these terms.

In the event, however, of your still desiring to adhere to the higher basis of Tls. 4,000 per mow I am to state that this would be payable only upon the understanding that this rate be henceforward taken as the basis of taxation of Lot 450, in accordance with Resolution V passed at the last Annual Meeting of Ratepayers.

With reference to the concluding paragraph of your letter, I am to state that there is no objection to the suction pipes remaining in their present position, and also that the portion of the boundary wall will be rebuilt at the Council's charge.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

M. DENEGRI, Esq.

Shanghai, August 19, 1909.

DEAR SIR,—Your letter of the 9th instant on the subject of the extension of Wuchow and Sawgin Roads has had my careful consideration.

In reply thereto I beg to state that I do not consider my claim for the land required for said extension at the price of Tls. 4,000 a mow plus 10 per cent for compulsory surrender to be excessive as the Council seem to think, but only to represent the actual value of the land.

There is one thing which I forgot to mention in my letter and that refers to our private jetty. I have since had a conversation on the subject with the Municipal Engineer, and I understand that the Municipal Council would undertake to keep a proper public jetty in the same place at their expense, and this would be one of the conditions on which only such surrender could be made.

As you can understand a landing stage is absolutely necessary for landing coal, etc., to the filature.

I do not agree with the views of the Council as to the betterment of the lot in consequence of the opening of that road, as the strip wanted represents the water frontage and therefore the most valuable part of the lot.

For all the above considerations I beg to decline the counter-offer made in your letters and confirm the terms upon which I am disposed to surrender the strip of land marked red in the Engineer's plan sent to me, as expressed in my letter of July 21, 1909.

In support of my conviction I might state that if the Council accepts the terms I have no objection to have the Lot 450 assessed for taxation at the same price of Tls. 4,000 a mow.

I remain, Dear Sir,
Yours faithfully,
M. DENEGRI.

W. E. LEVESON, Esq.,
Secretary, Municipal Council.

Council Room,
Shanghai, August 26, 1909.

SIR,—I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of August 19, in further reference to the portion of Cadastral Lot 450 required for the Wuchow and Sawgin Roads. In reply thereto I am to state that, in view of the fact that you are unwilling to accept the counter-offer contained in my letter of August 9, the Council would prefer to leave the matter in the hands of the Land Commission for settlement.

Plans will, accordingly, be prepared for your signature, and notice of the next sitting of the Commissioners will be conveyed to you in due course.

With regard to landing accommodation at this point I am to confirm the arrangement whereby the Council will maintain a public jetty opposite the lot without charge to yourself.

In conclusion I am to request that, pending the decision of the Land Commission, you will be good enough to allow the construction of the roads to proceed forthwith.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

M. DENEGRI, Esq.

Shanghai, August 26, 1909.

SIR,—I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of even date informing me of the Council's decision to leave the matter of compensation, for the land required for road purposes out of Lot 450, in the hands of the Land Commission and in reply thereto I beg to state that for my part quite agree to such course being taken.

With reference to the last paragraph of your letter, I beg to state that I have no objection to the Council's proceeding to build the proposed roads on the land in question, pending the decision of the Land Commission as to the compensation to be awarded.

I am, Sir,
Yours faithfully,
M. DENEGRI.

W. E. LEVESON, Esq.,
Secretary, Municipal Council.

Extension No. 69 E. Section B.—The sum of Tls. 228 has been authorized for payment to the China Flour Mill Co., Ld., representing the Council's contribution towards the cost of mudfilling that portion of the creek to the east of Cadastral Lot 6081, which is scheduled for inclusion in the road.

Stud Contract.

With regard to the agreement with the Shanghai Horse Bazaar Co., Ld. for the supply of draught animals for municipal purposes which expired on December 31, 1908, the following is the text of the renewed agreement covering a period of three years to the end of 1911. Negotiations in this matter have been protracted over a period of eight months. The increase in monthly cost per pony is Tls. 7.50, i.e., from Tls. 21 to Tls. 28.50, which factor was not anticipated at the time the Budget was compiled; on the other hand the new figure is less than the Company's original demands, and the contract provides for the reduction in the number of animals by 21 during the winter months.

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AN AGREEMENT made the twenty-sixth day of August one thousand nine hundred and nine between the Council for the Foreign Community of Shanghai and their successors in office (hereinafter called "the Council") of the one part and the Shanghai Horse Bazaar Company, Ld. of Shanghai aforesaid their successors and assigns (hereinafter called "the Company") of the other part whereby it is agreed as follows:—

1.—Until this Agreement is determined under Clause 14 hereof the Company shall supply to the Council in each and every year during the continuance of this Agreement the following number of draft animals suitable for Municipal purposes, viz.:—

155 animals daily from the first of May to the thirtieth of November; 134 animals daily from the first of December to the thirtieth of April; and the Council shall hire and pay for the same at the rate of twenty-eight taels and fifty candareens per month for each animal. The Council will supply harness carts and competent drivers for the said animals.

2.—The Company shall in addition if required by the Council supply eight or more ponies suitable for office carriages at the rate of thirty-two taels per month for each pony or twenty-nine taels per month where stabling accommodation is provided by the Council.

3.—The Company shall supply the Council at such time or times and in such numbers as shall be required by the Council ponies for grass cutting at twenty-eight taels and fifty Candareens per month for each pony.

4.—The animals supplied shall be free from vice in good working condition and shall be subject to inspection and approval by the Council or by the Municipal officer appointed for that purpose.

5.—Should any vicious animals be put into any of the Municipal carts by the Company or their servants any damage arising thereby shall be made good by the Company who shall also indemnify the Council against all pecuniary loss it may have to bear in consequence of the employment of such vicious animals provided always that the servants of the Council shall have exercised all necessary care in driving and controlling the said animals.

6.—The Company shall provide on their own property all necessary stabling accommodation for the said animals and sheds and a harness room for the reception of the carts and harness belonging to the Council. The Company shall also provide without further charge all necessary fodder forage farriery medicines and indoor manual labour and shall supervise the said carts and harness and report to the Council when the same require repairing or replacing.

7.—The Council shall supply all outdoor labour required for the management of the said animals and carts whilst in use but neither the Council nor its servants shall be responsible for any injury which may occur to any animal supplied under this agreement unless such injury shall be caused by carelessness negligence or misconduct on the part of the Council's servants, except in the case of the office carriages mentioned in Clause 2 of this agreement in which instance the Company shall supply capable drivers and in the event of any damage being done to the Council's carriages or harness the cause of which is undoubtedly due to the carelessness of the drivers the Company shall make the said damage good.

8.—The said animals carts and harness shall be ready for work at and perform work during the following hours:—

From November to April—
From 7 a.m. to 11 a.m.
„ 1 p.m. to 4.30 p.m.
From May to October—
From 6 a.m. to 10.30 a.m.
„ 1 p.m. to 4.30 p.m.

And the above-mentioned hours may be altered by agreement between the parties provided that the hours of work from May to October for water-cart ponies shall not exceed eight hours and for all others shall not exceed eight and a half hours and that the hours of work from November to April for any animal shall not exceed seven and a half hours.

9.—The Council may on giving the Company six months' prior notice in writing reduce the number of animals to be supplied hereunder by a number not exceeding twenty in all provided that no such reduction shall take place at any time prior to the thirty-first of December one thousand nine hundred and ten.

10.—Subject to the provisions of Clause 11 hereof the Company will supply extra animals on the terms hereof at any time when required by the Council on receiving two days' prior notice so to do but in the event of the Council at any time requiring extra animals to the number of ten half the number, namely, five shall forthwith be added to the number of animals regularly supplied to and paid for by the Council under this Agreement.

11.—The Company will at all times endeavour to supply as many animals as required but no breach of this Agreement shall be considered to have occurred or claim be made against the Company so long as one hundred and fifty-five and one hundred and thirty-four animals respectively are at all times fit for service and in no case shall the Company be responsible for the failure to supply animals where such failure is due to fire epidemic or *force majeure*.

12.—The Company shall not be required to provide accommodation on the Company's premises for more than two hundred and twenty carts or other vehicles of the Council. All carts or other vehicles over and above two hundred and twenty for which such accommodation is provided shall be paid for by the Council at the rate of one tael per week.

13.—The Company will not be held responsible for any damage occasioned to any property of the Council stored on their Company's premises caused by fire riot or any other cause beyond the Company's control.

14.—Either party shall be at liberty by giving to the other twelve calendar months previous notice in writing to determine this Agreement at the expiration of three years from the first of January one thousand nine hundred and nine (which shall be considered to be the date of commencement hereof) or at any time thereafter.

The Seal of the Council for the Foreign Community of Shanghai has been hereto affixed in the presence of—

W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

The Seal of the Shanghai Horse Bazaar Co., Ld. has been hereunto affixed in the presence of—

H. E. KEYLOCK,
General Manager

Tramways.

Passenger Shelters.—An application by the Tramway Company for permission to erect two Passenger Shelters, one in the Boundary Road and one at the junction of the Avenue and Ferry Roads has been approved, upon the following conditions:—

(1) That the details of construction and position be approved by the Municipal Engineer;

(2) That the shelters be efficiently lighted;

(3) That a rental of Tls. 10 per annum be paid for the use of the land in each case;

(4) That the shelters be removed by and at the expense of the Company at three months' notice.

Public Band.

The performances during next week will (weather permitting) be as follows:

Mon. Sept.	13, 9.00 p.m.	Public Garden	
Tues.	„ 14, 9.00 „	Hongkew Recreation Ground	
Wed.	„ 15, 5.00 „	Public Garden	
Thurs.	„ 16, 9.00 „	Public Garden	
Fri.	„ 17, 5.00 „	Hongkew Recreation Ground	
Sat.	„ 18, 5.00 „	Public Recreation Ground	
	9.00 „	Public Garden	

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Notification of Infectious Disease.

The following have been reported during the week ending Sunday, August 22, 1909.	Death among Chinese population of 550,000	Cases notified among Non-Chinese population of 15,000.
Small-pox.	0	0
Cholera.	0	0
Typhoid Fever	—	0
Diphtheria.	0	0
Scarlet Fever.	0	0
Tuberculosis	38	0
Plague	0	0
Total Deaths from all Causes	300	8

The following have been reported during the week ending Sunday, August 29, 1909.	Deaths among Chinese population of 550,000	Cases notified among Non-Chinese population of 15,000.
Small-pox.	0	0
Cholera.	0	0
Typhoid Fever.	—	1
Diphtheria.	0	0
Scarlet Fever.	0	0
Tuberculosis.	30	1
Plague	6	0
Typhus Fever	0	1
Total Deaths from all Causes	292	3

The following have been reported during the week ending Sunday, September 5, 1909.	Death among Chinese population of 550,000	Cash notified among Non-Chinese population of 15,000
Small-pox.	0	0
Cholera.	0	0
Typhoid Fever.	—	0
Diphtheria.	1	0
Scarlet Fever.	1	0
Tuberculosis.	19	0
Plague.	0	0
Total Deaths from all Causes.	283	6

ARTHUR STANLEY, *Health Officer.*

Engineer's Report For August.

As the acquisition of land for widening proceeds, Peking Road is being converted into a first-class thoroughfare by the substitution of macadam for chip-paving; between Kweichow Road and the Koo Ka Loong the kerbs have been set back and a macadamized carriageway of 30-ft. in width constructed. At the same time the traffic facilities of Sinza Road—which is in reality a western prolongation of Peking Road—are being improved by the removal of the chip-paved margin. The purpose which these margins originally served was to prevent the disintegration of the macadam which would otherwise take place from the prevalent native practice of emptying waste water into the streets. This custom, however, as far as main roads are concerned, appears to be much less common than formerly, probably owing to increased activity on the part of Sanitary Inspectors and Police. The Sinza and Peking Roads will eventually form one continuous thoroughfare leading from the Bund to the heart of the Western District, and should form a very convenient alternative to the Bubbling Well and Nanking Roads.

In constructing the 3-ft. dia. sewer in Kaifeng Road, soil of a particularly unstable nature is being encountered, progress is therefore somewhat slow on account of the precautions which have to be taken to prevent subsidence. It will be remembered that this sewer was found to be necessary to provide an outlet for the Haining Road sewer, which, having been constructed partly outside the Settlement, was blocked off by the Chinese Authorities last year.

Several cases have occurred lately where foreigners have signed applications for permits to erect new buildings, although as it afterwards transpired they had no further interest or responsibility in the work, thus throwing the whole of the supervision of the native contractors on the Council's limited Building Inspection staff. The native contractors, of course, repudiate liability as they say the foreigners signed the plans, the foreigners on the other hand say that they were only paid to obtain the permit. In two such cases during the month, where the work was not being carried out in accordance with the desposited plans, the buildings were pulled down by the Public Works Department.

Proceedings have been taken in the Mixed Court in connexion with two cases of breaches of Building Rules; in one case an order being made for concrete floors to be laid within 14 days, and in another for drains to be laid within 7 days. In the latter case the owner of the property failed to comply with the order of the Court, and his wife was ordered to be detained in custody until the work was done.

Public Lighting.

The following new lamps have been erected during the month.

60 c.p. Metallic Filaments.

East Yuhang Road 4
Kalgan Road..... 5
Chaoufoong Road 2

Gas Lamps.

North Thibet Road 2
Alabaster Road 3
Kaiieng Road..... 3
Miller Road 2

Four gas lamps have been removed from East Yuhang Road.

Orders have been issued for extensive lighting alterations and additions in the North-Eastern Division, which will be carried out before the end of the year. These will complete this year's programme for the lighting of this Division.

Cleansing.—62 cartloads of garbage, 3,044 cartloads of road detritus, and 2,344 cartloads of gully deposit were collected during the month.

Quarry.—3,722 tons of road materials have been received during the month from the Quarry. 1,127 tons were dispatched from the Quarry for account of the French Council during July, the August returns have not yet come to hand.

Concreteware.—The following concreteware has been made at the Range Road Depôt during the month:—

Hand made.....1,311 pieces.
Machine made ....

Total.....1,311 pieces.

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New Buildings.—Summary of work done during the month:—

Description of work.	Total
Buildings under construction	146
Plans submitted for approval	26
Plans approved.....	24
Inspections by Inspectors.....1301	
Permits for Carpenters' Sheds, etc.	6
,, ,, Boundary Walls.....	2
,, ,, Repairs to Buildings..	61
,, ,, New Shop Fronts.....	9
,, ,, Painting	120
,, ,, Alterations	36
,, ,, Erecting Fences	10
,, ,, Erecting Sign-boards..	147
,, ,, Erecting Drying Stages	2
,, ,, Sunshades	92
Dangerous Building Notices served	4
Summonses.....	2
Encroachments reported and rectified	0

Dangerous Structures.

Notices as to dangerous structures received from the public	0
Notices from other Departments ...	1
Dangerous structures reported by P.W.D.	3
First Intimation Notices issued.....	4
Second ,, ,, ...	0

Survey Work.

Official measurements of new land lots attended	34
Cadastral certificates issued	19
Consular lots surveyed	14
Surveys made in connexion with road widenings and/or extensions.	41
Lots examined to ascertain whether they included roads or waterways which are or may in the future be of use to the public	51

M. C. R. stones have been erected as follows:—

Western District	2 stones.
Central ,,	— ,,
Northern ,,	2 ,,
Eastern ,,	22 ,,
Outside limits	76 ,,
Total	102 stones.

Labour.—The average number of labourers employed during the month, exclusive of contract work, has been 2,076 as compared with 1,901 during August, 1908.

C. H. GODFREY,
Acting Engineer and Surveyor.

Summary of General Municipal Rate, Foreign. June Quarter

	1909.		1908.		1907.	
	No. of Houses.	Rental Assessment.	No. of Houses.	Rental Assessment.	No. of Houses.	Rental Assessment.
		Tls.		Tls.		Tls.
Central District.....	607	2,049,417	577	1,858,680	549	1,603,933
Northern do.	1,056	852,962	1,043	801,671	998	752,533
Eastern do.	582	791,168	557	750,044	545	673,554
Western do.	747	917,598	687	873,848	533	692,728
Outside Settlement Limits	343	232,255	266	190,427	183	120,887
Total	3,335	4,843,400	3,130	4,474,670	2,808	3,843,635
Occupied by Foreigners	2,551	3,489,496	2,391	3,352,243	2,296	3,045,248
do. Natives	323	750,270	363	617,802	341	572,253
Unoccupied	461	603,634	376	504,625	171	226,134
Total	3,335	4,843,400	3,130	4,474,670	2,808	3,843,635
Tax Collected—		Tls.		Tls.		Tls.
Central District		53,619		49,109		37,488
Northern do.		21,996		21,323		17,345
Eastern do.		19,235		19,422		15,562
Western do.		23,784		21,580		15,781
Outside Settlement Limits		2,775		2,477		1,418
Total		121,409		113,911		87,594

A. JOHNSFORD,
Overseer of Taxes.

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Summary of Revenue for July.

Description	Estimate	1909			1908			1907		
		Number	Amount	Total from January 1.	Number	Amount	Total from January 1.	Number	Amount	Total from January 1.
	Tls.		Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.		Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.		Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.
LAND TAX	685,400	—	141,424.24	484,275.86	—	22,478.65	349,571.86	—	32,021.20	232,914.01
GENERAL MUNICIPAL RATE—										
Foreign	499,800	—	57,921.72	291,104.84	—	36,594.58	230,778.69	—	34,309.33	200,863.34
Native	650,400	—	101,550.95	433,212.64	—	80,050.40	377,566.06	—	72,135.85	339,329.96
WHARFAGE DUES	160,000	—	—	85,297.71	—	—	79,389.79	—	—	93,294.23
LICENSE FEES—										
Foreign Hotel and Tavern	6,500	24	1,893.33	5,457.34	22	1,693.33	4,559.08	23	1,298.75	4,086.50
Foreign Liquor Seller	18,000	107	4,285.00	12,951.66	109	4,360.00	13,643.04	120	4,720.01	14,139.42
Restaurant	4,700	35	1,050.00	3,230.00	41	1,230.00	3,590.00	37	1,110.00	3,500.00
Billiard and Bowling Saloon	700	25	165.00	447.00	24	157.00	504.50	25	159.00	488.00
Native Club	4,000	29	708.33	1,533.33	—	—	—	—	—	—
Native Lodging-house	6,600	343	1,748.00	5,313.00	330	770.00	4,827.23	324	1,155.71	3,501.51
Native wine-shop	16,000	349	2,530.50	9,023.00	420	1,583.50	6,166.46	319	1,018.90	4,784.75
Tea-shop	7,500	587	786.30	4,638.36	574	506.56	3,298.01	527	457.36	3,104.86
Foreign Theatre	1,800	28	441.50	2,528.00	11	124.00	1,177.00	12	115.00	806.35
Native Theatre	3,600	24	372.00	2,500.00	21	333.00	2,046.00	21	235.00	1,584.50
Pawn-shop	17,000	—	—	8,537.25	—	—	9,154.32	—	—	9,476.91
Opium-shop	17,000	232	2,290.75	10,524.20	138	470.98	2,597.36	85	345.26	2,557.41
Opium-house	35,000	303	2,837.50	26,820.92	1,020	3,422.13	31,907.03	1,551	4,964.66	36,344.41
Cargo Boat	5,800	919	516.13	2,973.59	816	464 77	2,989.43	907	531.77	3,349.22
Ferry and Passenger Boat	1,100	54	79.44	621.68	65	94.70	633.93	67	97.18	722.29
Steam Launch	2,200	109	430.18	1,537.77	117	434.95	1,525.21	110	399.09	1,496.33
Native Boat	3,700	1,813	315.83	1,974.72	1,603	306.16	2,180.01	1,670	349.12	2,247.52
Sampan	1,500	222	163.27	842.93	212	157.62	900.83	256	185.93	1,048.65
Private-owned Pony and Car-Cariage	14,500	P. 904 / C. 732	3,420.60	11,493.49	P. 844 / C. 718	3,284.22	10,602.75	C. 982 / P. 813	2,485.59	8,704.60
Livery Stable	26,000	P. 777 / C. 608	2,361.66	16,122.28	P. 767 / C. 597	2,303.05	16,646.06	P. 811 / C. 638	2,445.06	17,736.61
Motor Car	2,500	108	649 00	2,150.00	97	561.00	1,698.34	78	348.42	1,025.00
Cart	20,000	956	1,632.00	10,881.93	1,045	1,310.04	10,090.95	1,141	1,463.46	10,386.33
Private-owned Ricsha	38,000	4,427	9,771.97	29,924.08	4,166	9,126.49	26,191.22	4,995	7,268.36	22,858.84
Public Ricsha	107,000	8,592	9,498.03	65,722.41	7,846	8,579.60	62,663.04	8,155	8,894.98	63,725.35
Sedan-chair	5,200	425	938.72	3,199.50	560	1,216.86	4,023.86	603	1,319.35	4,192.57
Wheel-barrow	39,000	5,872	2,939.81	21,028.77	6,019	2,236.61	20,452.93	6,371	2,706.97	21,932.29
Firearms	2,700	5	600.00	1,800.00	6	675.00	1,350.00	—	—	—
Dog	1,000	75	55.27	754.59	65	47.38	778.91	152	110.20	661.85
RENT OF MUNICIPAL PROPERTIES—										
Markets	38,000	3,152	3,112.67	21,236.79	3,019	2,986.73	20,425.69	2,514	2,590.75	17,333.21
Town Hall	1,000	—	—	570.00	—	58.05	295.00	—	390.00	2,741.00
Firemen's Quarters	2,500	—	204.00	1,201.00	—	237.00	948.00	—	157.00	896.00
FROM PUBLIC COMPANIES—										
Gas Co., Ld.	6,000	—	467.90	3,405.07	—	499.40	3,419.76	—	461.33	2,726.87
Mutual Telephone Co., Ld.	3,000	—	—	3,000.00	—	—	—	—	—	—
Electric Construction Co., Ld.	15,000	—	—	7,688.53	—	—	3,696.30	—	—	—
Total Tls.	2,469,700		357,161.60	1,595,324.24		188,353.76	1,312,288.65		186,250.59	1134,560.69

A. JOHNSFORD, *Overseer of Taxes.*

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Volunteers.

Chinese Company.—The Commandant has reported the donation to this Company by H.H. the Prince Regent, of a flag to be presented on his behalf by Prince Tsai Hsun, Imperial Prince of the Third Order, in recognition of the Company's efficiency. The flag is a decorative banner with the characters 商團 (Merchants Company) inscribed thereon; it will suitably be hung in the Company Headquarters. The Commandant, in officially accepting the donation, will express the Council's appreciation of the honour conferred upon the Company and the Corps.

Police.

Foreign Branch.—The promotion of C. Mills to be 2nd-Class Sergeant is authorized with effect from June 20.

Sikh Branch.—Constables No. 363, Mal Singh, and 245, Banta Singh, are discharged invalided with effect from August 28 and 31 respectively.

Fire Brigade.

A note from the Chief Engineer informs the Council of his return on September 9, after a temporary absence from Shanghai, and that he has duly taken over charge of the Brigade from Mr. W. A. Kirschstein, who has been acting in his stead.

Municipal Properties.

Hungjao Road Nursery.—The following correspondence, included herewith for purposes of record, sets forth the terms of the Council's tenure of this property:—

Shanghai, April 24, 1909.

A title deed is requested for a lot of land in the 28th Parish, 7th District, Hungjao Road, to be registered in the name of the Shanghai Municipal Council.

Surveyed area, Mow 15.555
Fangtan ,, Mow 16.593

BOUNDARIES.

N. Hungjao Road.
S. Native-owned land.
E. Path, and native-owned land.
W. Pond, and native-owned land.

The following documents are put in:—
Explanatory plan.
Bill of Sale.

Fangtan	Mow
393	0.985
396	1.038
397	1.124
398	0.714
399	1.082
400	1.079
403	2.458
404	3.183
405	4.930
	Mow 16.593

For the Shanghai Municipal Council,
W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

To A. J. FLAHERTY, Esq.,
H.M. Vice-Consul (Land Office).

Shanghai, April 24, 1909.

A title-deed is requested for a lot of land in the 28th Parish, 7th District, Hungjao Road, to be registered in the name of the Shanghai Municipal Council.

Surveyed area, Mow 90.157
Fangtan ,, Mow 90.074

Boundaries:
N. Path and pond
S. Hungjao Road
E. Path
W. Path

The following documents are put in:—
Explanatory plan
Bill of Sale

Fangtan	Mow	Fangtan	Mow
578	1.091	589	0.597
579	2.035	642	1.600
580	1.079	646	1.062
580	1.079	582	0.972
584	0.993	583	0.536
587	2.500	585	5.783
588	0.571	596	0.889
588	0.570	647	4.500
589	0.100	Red Deed	
589	0.100	580	1.100
592	2.467	643	1.200
592	1.233	Fangtan	
611	2.167	578	1.011
612	1.900	610	1.687
612	0.535	642	2.150
612	0.535	645	1.946
612	0.831	610	2.189
615	0.805	614	0.521
642	0.800	613	0.345
642	1.500	613	0.100
Taitan		400	1.080
579	1.017	578	1.080
593	1.235	642	0.970
Fangtan		581	0.623
586	2.994	584	0.469
586	3.994	587	1.404
586	3.994	587	1.410
588	0.733	588	0.034
589	0.105	596	1.900
594	1.685	646	0.685
610	0.563	646	0.685
613	1.000		
617	0.452	TOTAL	90.074
617	0.400		
642	1.200		
642	1.272		
644	1.096		
645	2.015		
646	2.600		
646	2.300		

For the Shanghai Municipal Council,
W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

A. J. FLAHERTY, Esq.,
H.M. Vice-Consul (Land Office).

Shanghai, April 26, 1909.

SIR,—With reference to your application for Title deeds for two lots of land situated on the Hungjao Road in the 28th Parish, 7th District, I beg to inform you that Title deeds have already been refused by the Taotai for land in that district and that when some of the native documents now sent to me were handed to the Land Deputy for verification in 1906 he wrote to this office saying that no deeds would be issued for such land. Consequently it is practically certain that if these documents are sent to the Taotai he will decline to issue deeds.

If under the circumstances you desire me to forward the application to the native authorities I must refer the point in the first instance to His Majesty's Consul General.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
A. J. FLAHERTY,
Vice Consul.

W. E. LEVESON, Esq.,
Secretary, Municipal Council.

Council Room,
Shanghai, May 12, 1909.

SIR,—I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of April 26, on the subject of the Council's application for title-deeds for two lots of land on the Hungjao Road, and, in reply thereto, to say that the Council will be obliged if the application may be sent forward and the issue of the deeds pressed as a matter of some importance.

The Council is aware that a number of private owners of land in the locality in question are also desirous of obtaining deeds for their properties, and, since there appears to be no justifiable reason to account for the attitude of the native authorities, the Council considers that an effort should be made to overcome their opposition.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

A. J. FLAHERTY, Esq.,
H.M. Vice-Consul (Land Office).

Shanghai, May 15, 1909.

SIR,—With reference to your letter of the 12th instant I beg to inform you that, with the approval of His Majesty's Consul General, I am forwarding to the Taotai your application for title-deeds for two lots of land on the Hungjao Road.

The smaller lot is numbered 6929 and the larger 6930.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
A. J. FLAHERTY,
Vice-Consul.

W. E. LEVESON, Esq.,
Secretary, Municipal Council.

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Shanghai, June 14, 1909.

DEAR SIR,—Regarding lots 6929 and 6930 the Taotai has refused to grant deeds on the ground that deeds have never been issued for land in that particular locality, viz., the 28th Ward West 7th District.

Yours faithfully,
A. G. MAJOR,
Vice-Consul.

J. B. A. MACKINNON, Esq.,
Assist. Secretary, Municipal Council.

Council Room,
Shanghai, July 12, 1909.

SIR,—Referring to a note of June 14 as to the Taotai's refusal to issue deeds for the Hungjao Road Nursery, Lots 6929/30, I am directed to request that you may be good enough to lodge the native documents of title in the Land Office archives until such time as the district in question is included in the Settlement or other arrangements made for the issue of deeds therein. If this can be done the Council will be glad to have your official receipt for the documents.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

H. H. BRISTOW, Esq.,
H.M. Vice-Consul (Land Office).

Shanghai, August 12, 1909.

SIR,—In reply to your letter of July 12, I beg to inform you that the native documents of title have now been returned by the Land Deputy, and have been placed, together with the refused title-deeds, in the covers of the respective lots, where they constitute the best title that can be acquired for the present.

I hereby acknowledge receipt of the following documents for Lot 6929:—9 Fangtans, 1 Bill of Sale and 1 Plan for Lot 6930, 63 Fangtans, 2 Taitans, 2 Red Deeds, 1 Bill of Sale and 1 Plan.

Your obedient servant,
H. H. BRISTOW,
Vice-Consul.

W. E. LEVESON, Esq.,
Secretary, Municipal Council.

Council Room,
Shanghai, September 9, 1909.

SIR,—Herewith I have the honour to forward to you a plan and Chinese list of native deeds of title relating to two plots of unregistered land acquired by the Council north and south of the Hungjao Road, for purposes of a nursery garden.

These documents I have the honour to request that you may be good enough to transmit to the Taotai, to be lodged in his Land Office for record, so that the Council's ownership of the land be beyond question.

I may add that the Council's application for an ordinary foreign title deed has been refused, upon the grounds that that such deeds have not hitherto been issued for land in this remote native parish.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,
O. MEUSER,
Acting Chairman.

D. SIFFERT, Esq.,
Consul-General for Belgium,
and Senior Consul.

Council Room,
Shanghai, September 10, 1909.

SIR,—Referring to the Council's application of April 24 for title-deeds for the Hungjao Road Nursery (Lots 6929 and 6930), I am directed to state that Fangtan No. 586, which accompanied the application, is said to be forged, and I now enclose for file in your archives the following additional fangtans, for which I have to request you will issue an official receipt:—

No. 587	Mow 1.771
,, 588	,, 0.033
,, 588	,, 0.100
,, 589	,, 0,286
,, 642	,, 0.816
	Mow 3.006

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

H. H. BRISTOW, Esq.,
H.M. Vice-Consul (Land Office).

Shanghai, September 11, 1909.

SIR,—I have to acknowledge receipt of your letter of yesterday enclosing five additional fanstans for the Hungjao Road Nursery, viz.:

No. 587	Mow 1.771
,, 588	,, 0.033
,, 588	,, 0.100
,, 589	,, 0.286
,, 642	,, 0.816
	Mow 3.006

These have been placed, with the documents previously sent in, in the covers of Lots 6929 and 6930.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
H. H. BRISTOW,
Vice-Consul.

W. E. LEVESON, Esq.,
Secretary, Municipal Council.

Shanghai, September 13, 1909.

SIR,—I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of September 9 with a plan and Chinese list of native deeds of title relating to two plots of unregistered land acquired by the Council north and south of the Hungjao Road for purposes of a nursery garden.

In accordance with your request I shall follow in this case the procedure established in respect to the acquisition of unregistered land for purposes of road making and transmit these documents to the Taotai to be lodged in his land office for record.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,
D. SIFFERT,
Consul-General for Belgium,
and Senior Consul.

D. LANDALE, Esq.,
Chairman, Municipal Council.

Municipal Buildings.

Gaol Work Sheds.—The appropriation in the Budget for this building is Tls. 12,000, but its estimated cost, in accordance with plans approved by the Watch Committee, amounts with all extras to Tls. 18,219. The structure will be carried out by means of convict labour in grey brick with re-inforced concrete floors and columns. Tenders have been obtained from native contractors as a check upon the above estimate, and the issue of Tls. 50 is authorized to the lowest tenderer, Kong Yue Kee, in re-imbursement of his expenses.

Road Extensions and Widenings.

Kiangse and Ningpo Roads.—Negotiations with the China Land & Finance Co., Ld. on behalf of the Rev. Father Garces, have been concluded for the surrender of a strip of Cadastral Lot 81A measuring Mow 0.132 for the improvement of the corner of these roads. The compensation payable is at the rate of Tls. 57,000 per mow, which, in accordance with Resolution V passed at the last Annual Meeting of Ratepayers and by consent of the parties, will form the basis for future taxation of the property. The customary 10 per cent for compulsory surrender will be added, and a deduction of one-third made for betterment. Total sum payable, Tls. 5,518.

Sinza Road.—In accordance with the proposals in respect to the metalling of strips of outlying roads, outlined in the Gazette of August 12, a sum of Tls. 5,151 is authorized for inclusion in the estimates for 1910, representing the cost of metalling the remaining portion of this road at present used as a riding track. This project forms part of the scheme for establishing a trunk road from the Bund to the Western District viâ the Peking Road.

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Consular Body.

A letter from Mr. P. S. Heintzleman, American Vice-Consul-General-in-charge, informs the Council that owing to his departure for home Mr. W. Roderick Dorsey will be in charge of the Consulate from September 6.

A letter from Mr. H. Eitaki, Consul-General for Japan, informs the Council that during his absence Mr. Goro Miho, Vice-Consul, will be in charge of the Consulate-General, with effect from September 14.

Tramways.

Correspondence relative to a proposal to remove the tramway from the Canton Road.—Before this project can be carried out, the assent of the Concessionaires and of the Ratepayers will be required. In its consideration it is to be noted that negotiations for inter-communication with the French Tramway System are concluded, and that through running only awaits constructional work on the bridges over the Yangkingpang at the Bund and Chekiang Road. It will also affect the question, recently in dispute with the Shanghai Gas Co., Ltd., of the position of the various pipes and mains of the Company at present underneath the track.

Council Room,

Shanghai, August 20, 1909.

SIR,—I am directed to hand you, herein enclosed, copies of two petitions received by the Council advocating the removal of the tramway from the Canton Road.

Three documents, signed respectively by the foreign registered lot owners and the native residents, constitute a very unanimous expression of opinion in favour of removal, and the Council would be glad to learn how such a project would be received by your Company.

It is to be noted that the Gas Company's claim for damage to their main in this road amounts little short of Tls. 7,000 and that payment will be avoided if the line is transferred.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

D. McCOLL, Esq.,
General Manager,
Shanghai Electric Construction Co., Ltd.,

Shanghai, August 16, 1909.

SIR,—As owners and agents of property fronting the Canton Road, we, the undersigned, respectfully request the Council to remove the tramway from the road, and we make that request for the following reasons:—

That road, as you are aware, was ormerly one of, if not the busiest in the Central District, but owing to the laying of the tram lines and the passage of cars business there has so fallen off that a large number of shops are now vacant, and the tenants of those shops still occupied find the greatest difficulty in paying their rents. Thus not only do our tenants suffer but the property owners likewise by reason of reduced returns whilst the large outgoings for land tax, insurance, etc., have still to be met.

Fronting the Canton Road between Kiangse and Hoopeh Roads there are at present 46 shops vacant, whilst many native business hongs having access from the Canton Road are also vacant which vacancies cannot be filled even at reduced rentals, those who would like to occupy refusing to do so whilst the trams are running there, thereby seriously affecting the revenue derived from the house tax.

The above vacancies are situate as follows :—

Between Kiangse and Honan Roads.....	3 vacancies
Between Honan and Shantung Ruads...	5 ,,
Between Shantung and Fohkien Roads 31	,,
Between Fohkien . and Hoopeh Roads	7 ,,

The Canton Road—one of the narrowest in the Central District—is made more impossible by the trams, and in its present condition is not only very dangerous to pedestrians but to vehicles of all descriptions and their occupants, with the result that those who possibly can avoid using this road preferring to take other though less direct thoroughfares, so that the removal of the trams would also be in the interest of the general public.

It is quite impossible—except at great risk—for any kind of vehicle to discharge its occupants on the south side of this road, and the interference with and risk of delivering cargo on that side of the road is equally great.

In that section of the Canton Road between the Bund and Kiangse Road the obstruction is, if possible, even more marked.

That section is a very busy one and the buildings fronting it or having access from it are almost wholly occupied by foreign firms having large receipts and deliveries of cargo, in the moving of which great difficulty and delay is experienced. It is a particularly busy section during business hours and the road is so congested that passage over it is obtained only with the greatest of care and consequent loss of time.

We make no suggestion as to the route (if any) the trams should take in place of the Bund—Hoopeh Road section we ask to have removed, as we believe the Council in making arrangements with the French Tramway Company for inter-communication between the two systems is in the best position to decide that question.

We therefore hope the Council will give our request its most careful consideration and take early steps for the removal of the tramlines from the road in question.

We are, Sir,

Your obedient servants,

WARD, PROBST & Co.
Agents Estate late Alexander Cushny.
and Messrs. G. B. and V. B. Hill.
E. D. SASSOON & Co., LD.
DAVID SASSOON & Co., LD.

D. M. NISSIM,
Manager.

HENRY LESTER,
Agent Dr. J. Johnston,
Messrs. Daly and T. R. Wheelock.
STANDARD OIL CO. OF NEW YORK,
Chas H. Blake,
Attorney.
THE CHINA MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE CO., LD.,
J. A. Wattie,
Managing Director.
MACKENZIE & Co., LD.,
A. Hide,
Managing Director.
THE NISSHIN KISEN KAISHA,
K. Kobata,
Manager.
MITSU BISHI Co.,
T. Nakashima,
for Manager.
CHAS. IBURG.
E. E. PORTER,
by his attorney, G. H. Thomson.
G. CASTRILLO.
PROCURE DES LAZARISTES,
Ch. Barrier.
W. E. LEVESON, Esq.,
Secretary, Municipal Council.

Translation of petition from the merchants and shopkeepers in the Canton Road.

This petition is addressed to the Council on the subject of the injury done to traders by the tramway, requesting that means be devised for its removal.

The petitioners all have shops in the Canton Road and all conduct their business in a proper manner, some of them since several tens of years. It is to be observed that at this locality the traffic of merchants and customers has been very crowded and frequent, and this spot is the first at which the development of the Settlement began. But since the establishment of the tramway track by the tramway company and the passage of cars in this road, the road has become more narrow and constricted than before, and the passage of the tramcars to and fro proves very inconvenient to passers and is, moreover, dangerous and occasions injuries to them, with the result that the state of trade has deteriorated and the merchants have suffered great losses. Thus not only is it difficult to find means of paying the monthly rent, but the quarterly rates will also it is feared be paid only with difficulty. The reasons for this are to be found really in the fact that this road was to start with narrow and no tram lines should have been laid there; and now that cars pass up and down, most

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of the pedestrians make a détour so that the trade in the street daily declines, and this is a cause for public irritation.

As a sign of unanimity this petition is addressed to the Council in the knowledge that its numbers consist of foreign merchants worthy of respect who will have sympathy with the difficulties of trade, and, for the protection of the market, will act in a just and benevolent spirit.

The true facts of the matter are accordingly herein stated and the Council as a whole with the Chairman is respectfully requested to take note and be good enough to meet and discuss the settlement of a means of removing the tramway track for the better preservation of trade. This general petition is accordingly presented.

WITH 144 CHOPS.

Shanghai, August 31, 1909.

SIR,—Your letter of August 20 with enclosed petitions has been considered by the Local Board, and it was decided to refer the matter to the London Board. I shall communicate with you further after receipt of a reply from our London office.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
D. McCOLL,
General Manager.

W. E. LEVESON, Esq.,
Secretary, Municipal Council.

Public Band.

The performances during next week will (weather permitting) be as follows:

Mon.	Sept. 20,	9.00 p.m.	Public Garden
Tues.	„ 21,	9.00 „	Hongkew Recreation Ground
Wed.	„ 22,	5.00 „	Public Garden
Thurs.	„ 23,	9.00 „	Public Garden
Fri.	„ 24,	5.00 „	Hongkew Recreation Ground
Sat.	„ 25,	5.00 „	Public Recreation Ground
		9.00 „	Public Garden

Notification of Infectious Disease.

The following have been reported during the week ending Sunday, Sept. 12, 1909.	Death among Chinese population of 550,000	Cash notified among Non-Chinese population of 15,000
Small-pox.	0	0
Cholera.	0	0
Typhoid Fever.	—	0
Diphtheria.	2	0
Scarlet Fever.	1	2
Tuberculosis.	16	1
Plague.	0	0
Total Deaths from all Causes.	299	5

ARTHUR STANLEY,
Health Officer.

Report of Captain-Superintendent of Police for August.

Strength of the Force on August 31, 1909.

Officers	8
Foreigners	221
Sikhs	525
Chinese	969
Clerical and Teaching Staff ...	44
Supernumeraries ...	92
Total ...	1,859

Crime.—The general level of crime has remained normal. The exceptionally brutal murder of a woman in the Tiendong Road is the only serious case. As a matter of fact, the conditions under which such crimes can be committed with importunity in this Settlement are unique. The whole story of the quarrel was well known to the neighbours, some of whom must actually have seen the woman flung from the verandah, yet not a word was said to the Police.

The slight rise in the number of larcenies during August is not a matter of great concern, considering that the main cause may fairly be attributed to the out-of-door life led during August by the poorer Chinese, as well as to the utter disregard shown in leaving windows and doors wide open in a practically empty house. At the same time, the deterrent effect of the following sentences for larcenies, taken at random from the records of one Police Station during August, may fairly be open to question. Larceny is in most cases a felony not merely a misdemeanour. When it is remembered that imprisonment in the station cells means that a Chinaman of the criminal classes gets free board, congenial company, and can only be given very little work, it is not surprising that there are quite a number of aspirants for what may be described as a gentle rest cure.

Sentences given for larceny (no cangue included) out of 16 cases:—

1 case,	Cautioned.	
1 „	2 Days'	Imprisonment.
5 cases,	3 „	„
1 case,	5 „	„
3 cases,	7 „	„
1 case,	8 „	„
1 „	10 „	„
1 „	14 „	„
2 cases,	21 „	„
16		

As a specimen of the irreclaimable native prisoner the following career may be of some interest:—

A Shanghai native was lately convicted for the 18th time charged with petty larceny. The first appearance of this man before the Mixed Court occurred in 1891. Since that date he has spent some 12 years in prison in terms varying from one month to 24 months. He has received altogether 2,500 blows and has been 9 times expelled.

Another case may be worth calling attention to, as it affords an example of the way in which Chinese are adopting modern criminal methods to their own mode of life. A Cantonese woman made use of two foreigners, who appear to have been her tools, to help her to cash some fixed deposit certificates at a well-known bank to the amount of some thousands of taels. The conduct of the woman was marked by unusual audacity; her statements and counter-statements being as false as they were freely made.

The closing of the well-known gambling establishment known as the Jessfield Inn took place on August under instructions from the Consul for the Republic of Cuba. Besides two roulette wheels, a very ingenious mechanical box for cheating at cards was found among the effects of the two foreigners who lived at the Jessfield Inn. This box could be worked by any card-sharper.

Fires.—The total number of fires during August was 13, against 19 in August 1908. Of those fires 9 were extinguished by the Police and inmates, and 4 by the Fire Brigade.

There were 7 prosecutions. Of these 4 were successful. In the case of 8 of the 13 fires the premises were insured.

The total number of fires between January 1 and August 31, 1909, was 159; against 185 for the corresponding period of 1908; and 204 for the same period in 1907.

Native Constabulary.—I much regret to have to report that the behaviour of the Chinese police surrounding this Settlement as shown by their actions is becoming more and more antagonistic towards Municipal Authority. Not only is there no attempt at reciprocity in small matters where the Police are concerned, but illegal arrests by runners and by the Paoshan police have twice occurred during the last few days. To prove that such occurrences are not merely the errors of an untrained and ignorant native constabulary, we have only to turn to the conduct of officials who should know better in other matters. Two instances may be quoted of the spirit referred to above.

In one the Shanghai Taotai himself while seated on the bench in the City Yamên is reported to have given 200 blows to a man illegally decoyed into and charged in the City, simply because the said man had applied to the Municipal Police to prevent his wrongful detention. In the second case, 700 blows are said to have been given on August 25 by the City Magistrate to a prisoner illegally arrested with some violence inside this Settlement, solely because the brother of said prisoner had applied to the Municipal Police to aid him in effecting his relative's release from the City.

In a third case the same spirit can be noticed. A mafoo named Hwa Ching-sung having been convicted of manslaughter by the Mixed Court was sent into the City. Some doubt still remains as to the exact responsibility of the mafoo for the crime with which he was charged. Efforts are, therefore, being made to have the case reheard in the Mixed Court. In the meantime the following treatment has been meted out to the mafoo in the City:—

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On the night of September 6 he is said on good authority to have been severely flogged besides receiving 200 blows of the bamboo. This punishment seems to have been a preliminary to the re-trial of the case by the native authorities. The mafoo happens to be the servant of a Chinese gentleman who is a Portuguese subject, and there is evidence to prove that the native authorities have for some time past wished to get possession of the person of the mafoo's master, but owing to the refusal of the Portuguese Consul are unable to do so. They are therefore misusing the mafoo in such a manner for the sake of revenge.

Exercising and Breaking in of Horses.—Attention is called to the practice of sending out so-called mafoos to exercise mounted upon both horses and ponies. Very probably certain owners may have no idea that their animals are so exercised. The fact remains, however, that the Police find such persons endangering the safety of the public in the early morning on roads upon which any exercising or breaking in of animals is forbidden by Municipal Regulations. All animals exercised by native mafoos and riding boys not in attendance on their masters should make use of the soft roads kept especially for that purpose.

Correspondence.—A very considerable loss of time to the writer is caused by neglect of the following previously published notice:—

"In order to facilitate the quick "despatch of business it is particularly "requested that all communications on "Police matters intended for head-"quarters of this department should be "addressed to :—

"The Captain-Superintendent of "Police, and not to him or any other "police officer *by name*."

Letters addressed *by name* to the Captain-Superintendent are not opened in the Central Registry. All letters addressed as under are, and receive immediate attention.

The Captain-Superintendent of Police,
Central Police Station,
Foochow Road.

CONVICT LABOUR RETURN FOR AUGUST.

Net value of work performed for the P. W. D.	Tls. 930.80
Less sandals, and repairs to carts	,, 276.39
Total for labour...	Tls. 654.41
Work completed in addition to that for P. W. D. ...	Tls.2,566.67
Less cost of raw material...	,, 1,767.55
Total for labour ...	Tls. 799.12
Grand total for labour...	Tls.1,453.53

Here follow tables of persons coming under the notice of the Police for criminal and other offences, punishments inflicted, prisoners in custody, vehicles licenses suspended and confiscated, dogs captured. etc., value of property stolen and recovered, and warrants and summonses.

C. D. BRUCE,
Captin-Superintendent of Police.

Return of Persons coming under the notice of Police for Criminal and other Offences.

Offences.	Foreigners	Natives	Total
(a) OFFENCES AGAINST THE PERSON:—			
Murder			
Manslaughter		1	1
Attempted suicide		9	9
Cutting and wounding	1	4	5
Assault	7	99	106
Kidnapping		22	22
Cruelty to or trafficking in women or children		13	13
Desertion	1		1
Breach of King's Regulation	1		1
False accusation		1	1
(b) OFFENCES AGAINST RIGHTS OF PROPERTY:—			
Robbery		18	18
Embezzlement		5	5
Extortion		4	4
Burglary		8	8
Housebreaking		8	8
Fraud and obtaining money, etc., by false pretences	1	11	12
Fraud		22	22
Forgery		1	1
Uttering		1	1
Arson			
Malicious injury		1	1
Larceny and unlawful possession	2	309	311
Civil Offences	1	56	57
Criminal negligence (fires)		3	3
Trespass and malicious injury		7	7
(c) ACTS INJURIOUS TO THE PUBLIC :—			
Common nuisances		1,543	1,543
Vagrancy	2	71	73
Returning after expulsion		18	18
Disorderly and improper conduct	15	383	398
Depositing garbage	1	80	81
Traffic :—Furious driving		24	24
Obstruction		2,064	2,064
Dangerous to peace & good order of the Settlement		12	12
Obstructing the police		2	2
Public gambling	1	48	49
Illegal arrest or detention		7	7
Cruelty to animals		13	13
Loitering for purpose of committing a felony		16	16
Offences prejudicial to public health	1	21	22
Keeping a common gambling house and discharging loaded revolver at Police	1		1
Arms, unlawful carrying		3	3
Miscellaneous..		44	44
Breach of license conditions and evading license.	7	44	51
(d) NOT CHARGED :—			
Beggars, Hawkers, Ragpickers		2,923	2,923
Others	37	576	613
Total	79	8,495	8,574

Return of Sentences, Decisions, etc

Sentence.	Foreigners	Natives	Total
Imprisonment	10	438	448
Cangue		1	1
Expulsion or deportation	2	2	4
Fined	17	503	520
Imprisonment and cangue		2	2
,, ,, expulsion		51	51
Bail forfeited...		3,623	3,623
Remanded	2		2
Cautioned	1	56	57
Dismissed	1	100	101
Released on Security		57	57
Detained at Court		36	36
Handed to parents or guardians		23	23
Sent to Reformatory		11	11
,, Sinza Refuge		73	73
,, Door of Hope		4	4
,, Native Authorities		8	8
Charge withdrawn		2	2
Banished	1		1
Reprimanded..	3		3
Fined and to be deported	1		1
Sent on board ship for punishment	4		4
Sent to French Mixed Court		4	4
Sent to Hospital		1	1
Transferred to Consular Court		1	1
Total	42	4,996	5,038

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Prisoners in Custody
on August 31, 1909.

Central Station	26
Louza Station	36
Hongkew Station	51
West Hongkew Station	46
Harbin Road Sub-Station	12
Wayside Station	22
Gaol	876
Yangtszepoo Station	9
Sinza Station	21
Bubbling Well Station	22
Total	1,121

Vehicle Licenses.

	Suspended	Confiscated
Riesha	1,315	2,627
Wheelbarrow	—	—
Handcart	—	2
Total	1,315	2,629

Value of Property Stolen between
August 1 and August 27, 1909.

	Dollars
Stolen	27,569.30
Recovered	19,156.70

Warrants and Summonses.

	Issued	Executed or Served
Warrants	58	27
Summonses	232	161

Dogs.

At Kennels July 31, 09	11	124
Captured	113	
Returned	13	124
Killed	97	
Remaining at Kennels	14	

Health Officer's Report for August.

During August the only feature adversely affecting Public Health has been the rather more than usual prevalence of summer bowel troubles due to infected food. On the other hand, in comparison with most of the holiday resorts, Shanghai may be classed as a sanatorium; and it is questionable whether it is advisable for the sake of health to leave Shanghai during the hot weather.

Dysenteric diarrhœa has been prevalent, though few cases of true dysentery have occurred. The incidence of choleraic diarrhœa has also been marked, especially among the Chinese population, but the diagnosis of true Cholera has not been confirmed in the Laboratory. Asiatic Cholera may be defined as a specific infectious disease caused by the Cholera bacillus. Although an examination has been made in the Laboratory of more than fifty cases, Chinese and foreign, the Cholera bacillus has not been found. The affections with which Asiatic Cholera may be confounded are Cholera nostras, the severe choleraic diarrhœa which occurs during the summer months in temperate climates, and ptomaine poisoning from bad food. The clinical picture and the post-mortem signs in these conditions are identical, so that the diagnosis can only be conclusively made in the Laboratory. The cases which have arisen are therefore not held to be true Cholera. It is a matter of the greatest importance from a preventive point of view to establish the presence of true Cholera at the earliest possible moment, as that disease is practically always of an epidemic nature and not one that causes a few isolated cases only.

As regards individual prevention of the group of bowel diseases, which include Typhoid fever, Cholera and allied conditions, Dysentery, etc., the same methods apply to one as to all, namely, to eat and drink nothing that has not been recently boiled or cooked or otherwise sterilised. The somewhat full remarks on this subject in last month's report may be consulted by those in search of detail.

The condition as regards Plague among rats continues highly satisfactory, the disease having been practically stamped out for the present. It has therefore been decided not to publish further weekly statistics regarding plague prevention. As, however, practically no precautions are taken by the Port Health Authority against the introduction of rats by ships from plague-infected ports, the plague survey by examination for Plague of all rats found dead throughout the Settlement and measures directed against rats will be continued.

Anti-mosquito work has been continued with more or less success according to the ability of the members of the foreign inspecting staff to inspire or compel careful work on the part of the Chinese coolies.

There are vacancies for probationer nurses at the Victoria Nursing Home, who will devote themselves, during a period of training of three years, to the attainment of a knowledge of nursing.

Here follow tables of Vital Statistics, Infectious Disease and outdoor Sanitary work, including a special summary of of Plague Prevention and Mosquito Extermination Work: together with work done in the Municipal Laboratory, Municipal Hospitals and Slaughter-house.

ARTHUR STANLEY,
Health Officer.

DEATHS.

	Foreign. Resident.	Foreign. Non-Resident.	Native.
Small-pox	0	0	0
Cholera	0	0	0
Typhoid Fever	0	0	—
Diphtheria	0	0	1
Scarlet Fever	0	0	0
Tuberculosis	1	0	121
From all causes	38	7	1271

INFECTIOUS DISEASE NOTIFIED AMONG FOREIGN RESIDENT POPULATION.

Small-pox	0
Cholera	0
Typhoid Fever	2
Diphtheria	0
Scarlet Fever	0
Tuberculosis	2
Typhus Fever	1

MUNICIPAL LABORATORY.

Small-pox vaccine issued	203 tubes.
Vaccinations	0
Diphtheria Antitoxin issued	20 bottles
Cases undergoing anti-rabic treatment	8
Bacteriological examinations	75
Analyses	50

VICTORIA NURSING HOME.

Cases admitted	47
Discharged	44
Died	2
Remaining last day of month	18
Nursed outside the Home	1
Daily visits	0
Nursing pre-engagements	1

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Summary of Plague Prevention Work during August.

During the week ending August 22, 1909.	District				Total
	Eastern	Northern	Central	Western	
Rats found dead and brought to the Laboratory for examination	186	333	398	148	1065
Rats plague infected	0	1	1	0	2
No. of traps in operation	2250	2400	1500	400	6550
No. of rats trapped and burnt	1665	2888	2115	1250	7818
Poisoned baits laid	0	0	20000	0	20000
Houses temporarily rat-proofed and disinfected under notice to occupier	574	0	60	0	634
Houses rat-proofed under notice to owner	0	0	0	0	0
Persons vaccinated against plague	0	0	0	0	0

SHANGHAI HOU E RETURNS.

	Slaughdter.	Rejected at Slaughter-house.	Passed for Slaughter from Cattle-sheds.	Passed for Export from Cattle-sheds.	Rejected at Cattle-sheds.
Oxen ...	1360	6	1360	1	0
Sheep ...	2314	1	2314	22	2
Calves ...	340	0	340	0	0
Pigs ...	99	0	0	0	0

MOSQUITO EXTERMINATION WORK DURING AUGUST.

	District.				Total
	Eastern	Northern	Central	Western	
Stagnant waters on land removed	55	38	0	37	130
Stagnant waters in and around houses removed	4941	4793	78	3660	13472
Stagnant waters oiled weekly ...	19342	1082	2800	1878	25102

ARTHUR STANLEY,
Health Officer.

REPORT ON ANALYSIS OF WATER.

Sample received August 30, 1909.

Report sent out September 3, 1909.

Sample of Shanghai Waterworks Co.'s Water.

Physical Characters. — Yellowish green colour with moderate opacity. Meutral reaction onlitmus. Well acrated.

Solid Matter in Solution	8.8
a.—Volatile	4.0
b.—Fixed	4.8
Appearance on Ignition	Slight Charring
Total Hardness	5.5
a.—Temporary	1.5
b.—Permanent	4.0
Chlorine	1.2
Nitrogen as Nitrates	0.0523
Saline Ammonia	0.0024
Albuminoid Ammonia	0.0080
Poisonous Metals	Nil
Nitrites	Nil
Phosphates	Nil
Sulphates	Traces.

Bacteriological Examination. — Gelatine plates at 23°c. yielded an average of 100 micro-organisms per c.c.

Agar plates at blood heat showed 12 microbe colonies per c.c.,

Organisms of the coli group were present in quantities of 0.5 c.c. and under.

Report on Analysis.—A sample of high chemical and biological purity. The analysis is interesting as showing the variation in mineral content. The excessive rains of the early summer, which caused the present fulness of the Yangtse and of the lakes which are the source of the Whangpoo, have furnished a water which is relatively dilute.

GENERAL SANITARY WORK FOR AUGUST.

	District				Total.
	Eastern	Northern	Central	Western	
Vaccination against small-pox	0	0	0	0	0
Enquiries after notification of foreign cases of infectious disease	1	1	0	2	4
Enquiries after notification of Chinese cases of, and deaths from, infectious disease	20	103	147	66	336
Rooms disinfected after infectious disease	67	90	28	34	219
Articles of clothing, bedding, etc., disinfected by steam	3617	124	212	500	4453
Houses cleansed and limewashed	332	1006	78	80	1496
Ventilation and lighting amended	0	2	0	0	2
Defective drainage amended	13	21	6	9	49
Insanitary wells abolished	0	0	1	0	1
Proper water supply provided	3	0	0	0	3
Insanitary latrines and urinals rendered healthy	1	1	4	1	7
Night-soil pits and kongs abolished	14	4	0	85	103
Exposed coffined corpses removed and buried	11	3	0	5	19
Smoke nuisances suppressed	0	0	0	0	0
Beggar-boats removed	3	0	0	0	3
Complaints of insanitary conditions received from the public	9	7	14	14	44
Insanitary conditions reported by Health Officer	21	24	13	25	83
Written intimations issued for sanitary amendment	12	3	1	4	20
Second written intimations issued for sanitary amendment	3	0	0	0	3
Notice of intention to proceed served	0	0	0	0	0
Samples taken for analysis	10	12	12	24	58
Pounds of unsound fruit destroyed	4080	4500	600	620	9800
Hawkers brought into markets	108	146	30	73	357
Food prosecutions	4	9	2	1	16
House refuse prosecutions	23	19	2	12	56
Laundry and other prosecutions	5	4	7	0	16
Tons of ordure removed	1240	2550	1660	1116	6566
Tons of house refuse removed	2368	3082	4049	923	10422

MILK FROM LICENSED DAIRIES EXAMINED IN THE LABORATORY AND FOUND ADULTERATED, ETC.

Dairy	Situation	Licensee	Adulteration, etc.
Yong Shu Fong	North Honan Rd.	Yong Shu Fong	6.6% of added water
Wayside Dairy	1543 Tongshan Rd.	Ts Mok Zien	25.6% of added water

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MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION.

No. 1985.

LOAN of 1901.

NOTICE is hereby given that the following debentures of the above loan will be paid on presentation, properly endorsed by the registered owner, at the Municipal Offices on and after December 31, 1909, and interest will cease from that date.

Debentures of Tls. 1,000.

8085-90	8157	8219-20
8093-7	8159-60	8222-30
8101-2	8163	8232-3
8104-6	8166	8237
8109	8168	8241
8112-7	8172-3	8243-5
8119	8175-8	8247-51
8121-3	8180-2	8254-5
8125	8186-9	8259
8127	8191	8261-2
8129-35	8193-5	8264-6
8139-41	8197-204	8271
8148-51	8206-8	8275-7
8153	8212-5	
8155	8217	

Debentures of Tls. 100.

8257	8298	8322-9
8279	8303	8332-3
8285	8305	8335
8287-8	8308	8338-41
8290-1	8312	8344
8293	8314-6	8348-50
8295-6	8318-20	

By order,

W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

Council Room,
Shanghai, September 23, 1909.

MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION.

No. 1864.

CLOSE SEASON FOR GAME.

NOTICE is hereby given that the close season for pheasants, deer, hare and partridges will expire on September 30.

No prohibition attaches to the sale of snipe, quail, woodcock and wild fowl.

By order,

W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

Council Room,
Shanghai, September 12, 1907.

MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION.

No. 1982. (*Amended.*)

ELECTRICITY DEPARTMENT.

THE Council is prepared to receive tenders for the following :—

A. The supply and delivery at the Electricity Works, c.i.f. duty paid, of 9,700 Carbon Filament Incandescent Lamps.

B. The supply and delivery at the Electricity Works, c.i.f. duty paid, of 23,250 Metallic Filament Lamps.

C. The supply, delivery and erection at the Electricity Works, c.i.f. duty paid, of an Electric Goods Lift, capable of raising and lowering a load of 2½ tons.

Conditions, specifications, forms of tender and all necessary information may be obtained upon application to the Electrical Engineer, Mr. T. H. U. Aldridge, at the Works, 31 Fearon Road.

A charge of Tls. 25 will be made for each specification, which will be returned upon the receipt of a *bonâ fide* tender.

Sealed tenders will be received by the undersigned as follows:—

A. marked "Tender for Carbon Lamps," not later than noon on Thursday, September 30, 1909.

B. marked "Tender for Metallic Lamps," not later than noon on Thursday, September 30, 1909.

C. marked "Tender for Electric Lift," not later than noon on Tuesday, September 7, 1909.

The Council does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender, or to pay any expenses which the contractor may incur in tendering.

The names of tenderers, with the prices quoted, will be published for general information.

By order,

W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

Council Room,
Shanghai, July 30, 1909.

AT the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, September 15, 1909, at 4.30 p.m., there are present:

Messrs. D. Landale (*Chairman*)
H. De Gray
W. D. Little
O. Meuser
T. E. Trueman
The Secretary and
Assistant Secretary.

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

The minutes of the last meeting are read, confirmed, signed by the Chairman and passed for publication.

Volunteers.

Portuguese Company.—The resignation of 2nd-Lieutenant Carneiro, due to increasing demands of business, is received and recorded.

Mounted Infantry.—The resignation of Lieutenant Copplestone, owing to his departure for home, is also received and recorded.

Japanese Company.—Upon the recommendation of the Commandant, a commission as Lieutenant is authorized for issue to 2nd-Lieutenant Teiichi Asano.

Police

Foreign Branch.—The results are submitted of the examination for promotion to the rank of sergeant, conducted in the usual manner with allowance for proficiency in Chinese, and, in accordance with the recommendation of the Captain-Superintendent, the promotion of the following to be Probationary Sergeants is authorized:—

G. Sale
T. McKenna
J. Horne
S. Simpson
A. G. Long
E. R. Engley
W. Jones
A. T. Campbell
J. W. Prince
C. Hamilton
J. G. Lamb
T. Elliott
C. H. Taylor
J. Wilson
J. Rush
H. S. Bremner
James Mackenzie
M. Blake

The resignation of Probationary Warder Haddon is accepted with effect from September 30.

Chinese Proclamations.

A letter from the Senior Consul is read, enclosing 20 copies of a proclamation by the Taotai directed against a suggested boycott of Japanese goods. This proclamation with the requisite seals will be posted throughout the Settlement:—

Translation of proclamation issued by the Shanghai Taotai Tsai Nai-huang, dated September 9, 1909.

It is hereby proclaimed and publicly notified that all the subjects of diplomatic negotiation in the three Eastern Provinces have now been completely and thoroughly discussed by the Board of Foreign Affairs with the Minister for Japan resident at the Court; and the main direction thereof having been already fixed, a peaceful solution of the discussion can follow forthwith.

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But it is an extraordinary fact that certain evil persons have availed of the opportunity to come to Shanghai and moot a proposal not to make use of Japanese goods, under the plea of civilized resistance, but in reality in the hope of fanning excitement in order to collect money. The Taotai having previously heard of this, has already strictly enjoined commercial circles on no account to be moved by them; but it was not to be expected that these evil persons have actually ventured, in open view, and with growing daring, to print and issue circulars, and spread them abroad with a malicious and dangerous intent most odious to observe.

At Shanghai, a great port of through trade, while the commerce is extremely large, the number of the vagrant population is most numerous: and since of late in the various Provinces local calamities are of frequent occurrence, the sale of merchandise of all kinds has become stagnated, and the market has already been felt to be in a declined condition. Thus, if some clamour once more arise, the obstructive and disorderly class of persons would avail of the opportunity to provoke disturbance, and strife of another kind will result, of which the consequent evils cannot be guaged.

While, therefore, the ringleaders of those who printed and issued the circulars will be secretly captured and examined and dealt with most severely, this proclamation is now duly issued for public notification, and hereby commercial circles are expected without exception to take note.

You must know that it is the part of peaceable and good folk to make use of capital to obtain the interest which accrues upon it. To follow good fortune and avoid violence constitutes the conduct of persons of intelligence, and of light and leading. Each individual must carry on his business as usual and must not be duped and deceived by these other people, thus bringing regret upon himself. If there are any cases of lawless and evil persons using violence and compulsion, they should be accused, in order to facilitate their arrest and punishment. If any venture, in wilful contravention of this prohibition, to lend their acclamation and co-operation, they will upon discovery be brought up and dealt with in the same way, and without the least leniency. Let none say that it has not been stated beforehand; and let all in deference obey without fail.

Redemption of Loans.

The attention of the Council is drawn to the fact that owing to the present state of the local money market the application of the Budget Appropriation for the redemption of debentures (Tls. 143,700) has only been possible with respect to Tls. 20,800. It is therefore decided to apply the balance in redeeming a portion of the Loan of 1901, being the oldest outstanding 6 per cent loan. It is further decided to hold the usual drawing and publish the list of drawn debentures without delay, the date of payment being fixed for December 31, 1909.

Accounts.

Industrial Undertakings.—The accounts and balance sheet of the Electricity Department, Pingchiao Quarry, Convict Labour and Concrete-ware Manufactory to June 30, are submitted, together with notes thereon by the Accountant, and will be referred for the consideration of the Finance Committee at an early date.

British Post Office.

A letter from the Hongkong Government, desiring a contribution of one-quarter of the loss which at present falls upon the Colony owing to the operation of the Shanghai Branch of the Post Office, is read and ordered for publication with reply as directed :—

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Hongkong, September 9, 1909.

SIR,—I have the honour by direction of the Governor to inform you that His Excellency has for some time past had under consideration the annual loss incurred by the Revenues of this Colony by the conduct of the Postal Agencies at various Treaty ports in China. His Excellency is of opinion that this service is primarily one affecting Imperial interests, and in particular the interests of the treaty port concerned, and he lately wrote to His Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies informing him that he could no longer undertake to conduct these Agencies at the cost of the Hongkong taxpayers, the more so that additional burdens have lately been incurred owing to railway construction and restriction of opium.

2.—The Secretary of State has been in communication with the Treasury and His Excellency has just received a telegram informing him that His Majesty's Government will guarantee this Colony against half of the net loss incurred on the collective maintenance on present lines of the treaty port Agencies, and suggesting that the communities at those Agencies should be required to contribute towards the remaining loss—as a provisional arrangement for one year. The Secretary of State asks for a telegraphic reply as to whether the Governor will concur in these proposals.

3.—His Excellency's concurrence must necessarily depend upon the acceptance by the local communities of the suggestion of the Secretary of State that they should contribute to the loss incurred in maintaining their particular Agency. As a provisional arrangement for one year, His Excellency is prepared to accept liability for one-half of the moiety of the total estimated loss accruing during 1910 on the Shanghai Agency provided that your council will agree to meet the other half. In other words this Government will continue to conduct the British post-office in Shanghai during 1910 provided that you will guarantee the refund to this Government by half-yearly instalments of one-quarter of the total loss accruing from the conduct of the Shanghai British post-office as shown by the accounts which will be submitted to you. In this connexion I may observe that the Tientsin Agency has during the past year guaranteed the entire loss as the sole condition upon which the Government of this Colony would consent to continue the Agency.

4.—The loss for 1910 is estimated by the Postmaster-General at $27,250 one-quarter of which will amount to $6,812.50. I am to ask you to be so good as to transmit your reply by telegram.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,
A. M. THOMSON,
Colonial Secretary.

The CHAIRMAN,
Municipal Council, Shanghai.

Council Room,
Shanghai, September 16, 1909.

SIR,—I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of September 9 proposing the defrayal by the Council of one-quarter of the loss accruing from the operation of the local British Post Office.

In reply thereto I have to-day telegraphed to you as follows :—

(The) Council regrets (that it) cannot authorize payment (on) behalf (of) this cosmopolitan community (of a) contribution (towards the) cost (of the) British Post Office, since other national offices would (be) entitled (to) similar treatment. (I) am transmitting your letter (to the local branch of the) China Association.

In confirming this message I am to add that there are, in Shanghai, branch post-offices under American, French, German, Japanese and Russian management, as well as the Imperial Chinese Post Office, and that the support of any of these or of the British Office, in the Council's opinion, cannot fittingly be made a charge upon municipal funds.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY,
Hongkong.

Tramways.

Lost Property.—The reply of the Company is read to the Council's suggestion that a list of the articles and money found in the cars be published from time to time, wherein are set out reasons against the proposal. It is decided to communicate the contents of this letter for the information of the ratepayer, whose action brought the matter into prominence :—

Council Room,
Shanghai, August 17, 1909.

SIR,—As a result of the recent representations of Mr. Fobes on the subject of articles and money found in tramcars, I am directed to express the Council's opinion that the Company might with advantage publicly advertise a list of such property from time to time, with a view to identification of and restoral to the proper owners.

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Should you be willing to conform to this suggestion the scruples of objectors to the second provision of Police Regulation No. 8 would cease.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

D. McCOLL, Esq.,
General Manager,
Shanghai Electric Construction Co., Ld.,

Shanghai, September 2, 1909.

SIR,—The proposal contained in your letter of August 17 to advertise publicly articles and money found in the cars was considered by the Local Board at their meeting on Monday last, and I am directed to reply as follows :—

1.—That so far as is known by us no Tramway undertaking, operated either by a Company or a Municipality, advertises a list of found property—nor do Railway Companies publish such particulars.

2.—The universal practice *not* to advertise details of found property is probably based on fears that the publication of such information might contribute towards false claims being made.

3.—In addition to Police Regulation No. 8 which states, "and all property found in the cars shall be handed over to the Company who will thereafter notify the Police," exhibited in both compartments of all cars, passengers are invited in another notice placed in all cars (both compartments) "To apply at the Company's Offices for property left on the cars."

4.—Lists of all articles found are forwarded to the Captain-Superintendent of Police. In all cases where money or articles of any appreciable value have been found the claimants have come forward and received their property.

5.—The unclaimed articles over a period of 18 months are only valued at about $50.00.

6.—Apart from its being undesirable, for the reason mentioned, to advertise a list of articles found, the cost of doing so at regular and frequent intervals would be considerable, and, as already stated, under the present system, everything of appreciable value is claimed and restored to the owners.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
D. McCOLL,
General Manager.

W. E. LEVESON, Esq.,
Secretary, Municipal Council.

Road Extensions and Widenings.

Peking Road.—An arrangement has been concluded with Messrs. Platt, Teesdale and Macleod whereby the strip, measuring Mow 0.012, required from Cadastral lot 452A for the widening of this road will be surrendered at the assessed value of the property, plus 10 per cent, with a deduction of one-third for betterment, a sum of Tls. 123. Payment of further sums of Tls. 450 for reinstatement and Tls. 54 for loss of rent during rebuilding is authorized.

Sungkiang and Shantung Roads.—Negotiations with Messrs. Hanson, McNeill and Jones for the surrender of Mow 0.053 ex Cadastral lot 295 for the improvement of the corner of these roads have been concluded and payment authorized at the assessed value with a deduction therefrom of one-fifth for betterment, a total sum of Tls. 1,272.

Kaifeng Road.—The small portion of land measuring Mow. 0.19 required from unregistered property west of Cadastral lot 61 for the extension of this road has been acquired at the rate per mow fixed under the Taotai's proclamation, i.e. for a sum of Tls. 95. A further payment of Tls. 50 for reinstatement is authorized, and, in accordance with customary procedure, a plan of the strip has been forwarded to the Senior Consul for transmission to the Native Land Office.

Extension No. 14, Western.—The surrender of Mow. 0.523 of land required from Cadastral lot 1165 for the construction of this road is noted at the assessed value, plus ten per cent and with a deduction of one-half for betterment. The total sum payable is Tls. 1439. Registered owner, Mr. D. Landale.

The meeting adjourns at 5.40 p.m.

Notification of Infectious Disease.

The following have been reported during the week ending Sunday, Sept. 19, 1909.	Death among Chinese population of 550,000	Cash notified among Non-Chinese population of 15,000
Small-pox.	0	0
Cholera.	0	0
Typhoid Fever.	—	0
Diphtheria.	0	0
Scarlet Fever.	0	2
Tuberculosis.	27	0
Plague.	0	0
Total Deaths from all Causes.	296	4

ARTHUR STANLEY,
Health Officer.

Public Band.

The performances during next week will (weather permitting) be as follows :

Mon.	Sept.	27,	5.00 p.m.	Public Garden
Tues.	,,	28,	5.00 ,,	Hongkew Recreation Ground
Wed.	,,	29,	5.00 ,,	Public Garden
Thurs.	,,	30,	5.00 ,,	Public Garden
Fri.	Oct.	1,	5.00 ,,	Hongkew Recreation Ground
Sat.	,,	2,	5.00 ,,	Public Recreation Ground

Departmental Report by the Acting Superintendent of Parks and Open Spaces to the Municipal Engineer for September.

General work for the month has been mowing, cleaning and watering. Nowhere has the want of rain been more felt than in the Gardens generally. Plants, trees and lawns suffered to a very great extent by the drought, lawns were practically dormant, while the trees were shedding their leaves, giving to the whole place an appearance of autumn.

Though the weather has been so trying to many plants there has been a good display of such flowers as zinnias, cockscombs and plumbago. The crotons too, which delight in brilliant sunshine have also made a pleasing show with their beautiful and varied foliage.

Reserve Garden.—In the greenhouses the group of caladiums still retains its blossoms and makes a handsome display. They are larger and the colouring of the leaves is more pronounced than was so two months ago, when they were thought to have reached perfection. Flowering in the same houses are also some good forms of cattleya and the rather uncommon orchid known as the "bottle brush" (Rynchostylis retusa or Saccalabium).

Hongkew Recreation Ground.—How much this park has suffered by the drought is only noticed by the close observer who cannot fail to have seen that many of the special trees and shrubs which have been introduced and were planted with all care and forethought have been sacrificed to the fierce heat and drought. Possibly too, the heavy rains which were experienced in the spring have accounted for the failure of some of the young trees which were newly transplanted. The continuous fine weather has been the means of attracting large numbers of tennis, cricket and golf players to the Ground, both morning and evening. The lawns, though suffering severely for the want of water, have remained in good condition, and opportunity has been taken to weed them, especially in the newer portions. The new golf greens are being kept in order and should be in good playing condition by the autumn. The playing-ground for the children with its swings, etc., though not so much frequented in this hot month, still retains its popularity.

Roadside trees.—The work has been a continual round of pruning, cutting back, re-tying and staking, and also watering on some of the roads where young trees have been recently planted. The number of trees requiring new supports owing to the old supports or poles becoming decayed was thirty-one.

Open Spaces such as Brenan Piece, Hart, Siccawei and Bubbling Well Road Carriage Turns, Soochow Road foreshore, and Quinsan Square have been carefully watered and weeded as is usual.

J. GILES,
Acting Superintendent.

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MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION.

No. 1864.

CLOSE SEASON FOR GAME.

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By order,
W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

Council Room,
Shanghai, September 12, 1907.

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The names of tenderers, with the prices quoted, will be published for general information.

By order,
W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

Council Room,
Shanghai, July 30, 1909.

MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION.

No. 1986.

MOTOR CAR LICENCES.
DRIVERS' CERTIFICATES.

NOTICE is hereby given that a new form of Certificate for Native Drivers has been approved and will be taken into use from this date. The present form will remain operative until October 15, after which date it will become obsolete.

From October 15 a Provisional Permit will also be necessary for native drivers learning to drive. Such permits will be issued in respect of a specified car, and upon the written application of the licensee.

The particular attention of car owners is drawn to the rules governing the issue of certificates and permits as printed thereon, also to Condition No. 6 of their licences.

Application for Probationary Permits, for the examination of drivers, and for Drivers' Certificates, should be made to the Assistant Superintendent of Police (Chinese), Central Police Station, Foochow Road.

By order,
W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

Council Room,
Shanghai, September 30, 1909.

AT the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, September 22, 1909, at 4.30 p.m., there are present :

Messrs. D. Landale (*Chairman*)
H. De Gray
F. C. Heffer
W. D. Little
O. Meuser
T. E. Trueman
The Secretary and
Assistant Secretary.

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

The minutes of the last meeting are read, confirmed, signed by the Chairman and passed for publication.

Volunteers.

Maxim Company.—Upon the recommendation of the Commandant, a commission is authorized for issue to Mr. H. B. Emerson as 2nd Lieutenant.

Municipal Challenge Cup.—A report by the Commandant is submitted, relating to a request by certain members of the Corps that the conditions of competition revert to those in force previous to last year. Colonel Barnes makes no definite recommendation in the matter, and the Council is guided by the earlier opinion expressed by Colonel Watson, and by the view that this valuable trophy should be held by the best and most up-to-date marksman in the Corps. To this end it follows that the conditions must be varied and improved from year to year, in accordance with musketry developments at home. The Chairman's speech at the last annual prize-giving was to this effect; and it is now decided that for the current year the conditions shall be the same as in 1908, while a general expression of the Council's views on the subject will be communicated in reply to the Commandant's letter.

Police.

Warders.—The Captain-Superintendent reports unfavourably on the practice of enlisting foreign warders locally or by drafts from among the constables. His recommendation to engage three trained warders from England, as in 1904, is approved, and in regard to their selection, advantage will be taken of the fact that Mr. Fenton, 2nd Assistant Superintendent, is on home leave. Mr. Fenton's work during the past few years especially qualifies him for this duty, while he will act in co-operation with Colonel Pollock who finally approves the appointment of all recruits for the Force.

Motor Car Licence Plates.—In reply to an inquiry by the Horse Bazaar, it is decided to state that the official licence plate and no other must be attached to all licensed cars, and that the letters S.M.C. cannot be removed from the plate, such being the practice at home.

Chinese Proclamations.

A note from the Senior Consul forwards two copies of a proclamation directed against the boycott of British shipping to and from Kiukiang. These documents will be posted as usual.

Translation of proclamation issued by the Shanghai Taotai Tsai Nai-huang, dated September 19, 1909.

On September 11, a communication was received from the British Vice-Consul-in-charge, Mr. Barton, to the following effect :—

"There was recently a certain "British steamer carrying five bales of "cotton yarn to Kiukiang. After its "arrival at the port the transporter "was about to unload the goods "without difficulty, but the Kiukiang "Chamber of Commerce having heard "of it, summoned the transporter to "the Chamber and instructed him "that hereafter he might not ship "goods upon British steamers coming

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"to the port. The China Transport "Company having noted this action "on the part of the Kiukiang "Chamber of Commerce, does not "venture to ship goods coming to "Kiukiang upon Briti-h steamers. "The Vice-Consul-in-charge is now "in receipt of a telegram from the "British Minister, resident in Peking, "stating that the Waiwupu has "telegraphed to the Province of "Kiangsi directing the boycott of "British steamers to be stopped. It "is to be observed that since the "Kiukiang Chamber of Commerce is "established by official permission, "the notifications which it promul-"gates can by no means be in "opposition to the instructions of "the Chinese Government. This "communication is accordingly ad-"dressed to the Taotai requesting "the issue of a proclamation, publicly "notifying the members of the "Shanghai commercial community "that there must be no unfair con-"duct in the treatment of British "steamers, thu s preserving public "amity."

The Taotai upon receipt of this, has addressed a communication in reply, and has now accordingly to issue a proclamation for the public information.

Hereby all members of the Shanghai commercial community are expected to take note, and from the issue of this proclamation, carefully to abstain from unfair conduct in the treatment of British steamers thus strengthening amicable relations.

[*On September 27 the following further proclamation was received and posted.*]

Translation of proclamation by the Shanghai Taotai Tsai Nai-huang, dated September 26, 1909.

This is again to notify that with reference to the boycott against the loading of cargo by British steamers at Kiukiang in the Province of Kiangse, having formerly been in receipt of a communication from the British Consul-General, a proclamation was issued and is on record, ordering our Chinese merchants to use no unfair conduct in the treatment of British steamers.

Contrary to expectation, this movement has reached Shanghai, and it is stated that no goods in this port are loaded upon British merchant ships, which is indeed greatly prejudicial to trade. Hereby, therefore, a strict injunction is again issued in this proclamation, and the commercial community of Shanghai is hereby expected to take note. You must know that with reference to the boycott of British steamers at Kiukiang, H.E. the Governor of Kiangse has already issued a proclamation in strict prohibition, and a telegram has now been received from the Board of Foreign Affairs, directing the uniform issue of strict orders, prohibiting it.

The commerce of China with England at Shanghai is comparatively busier and more flourishing than with other countries, and cargo should be loaded upon British ships as of old. There must be no disregard of the commands of the Government, nor any credence given to the rumours of Kiangse; or from such ignorant conduct punishment will result.

Let it not be said that this was not stated beforehand, and let all in deference comply.

Lekin Collection in the Settlement.

The ensuing letter and enclosures, with the reply of the Consular Body, follow the minute on this subject published in the Gazette of August 12:—

Council Room,
Shanghai, August 13, 1909.

SIR,—I have the honour to inform you that in the prosecution of inquiries as to a dispute between lime boatmen and dealers in the Settlement, an organized collection of lekin on this article has been brought to light.

The recent case in the Mixed Court, disclosing a tax upon the sale of fuel styled Ya Shui with comments in the native Press, of which I enclose translations, led the Council to suspect that lekin was being levied under this name, and the documents now obtained by the Police and forwarded herein establish the fact beyond doubt.

Clear evidence is given in these documents of a systematic endeavour during recent times to place the collection of the tax on a firm basis, and to organize a marked increase apparently inaugurated since 1906 or thereabouts, amounting to ten times the former rates. In the absence of complete information as to the extent of the irregularity and the dates of its development, it may be concluded that the Ya Shui has until late years been levied in a desultory manner, and at rates which have not proved so obstructive to native trade in the Settlement as to provoke the resistance of which there are latterly unmistakeable signs.

I have the honour to point out that the collection in question is contrary to the arrangement under which the Settlement area is lekin free, and is a direct breach of the undertaking given by the Taotai to your predecessor in his letter of August 13, 1904. You will remember that the Council of that date expressed the view that the letter to which I allude left grounds for the supposition that similar cases would arise thereafter, at the same time it remains one of many admissions on the part of the Native Authorities that such surreptitious levies constitute an unjustifiable irregularity. To this additional burden, as to the operations of the Chou Fang Chü, traders appear to have submitted because they are generally indisposed to resist demands presented to them under the guise of official authority, and supported by attempts to pursue those who object, either by Mixed Court summons, or in other ways.

In view of these facts the Council proposes to issue a public notification on lines similar to that issued in 1904, explaining to native residents the true state of this question, with a view to encouraging insistence upon their immunity from lekin, and reminding them that lekin farmers and others who extend their operations to the Settlement in spite of the official assurances which I have mentioned, should be handed over to the Police to be brought before the Mixed Court.

In conclusion, I have to express the confidence of the Council that the Consular Body will firmly sustain these objections in the interests of the prosperity of the Foreign Settlement, and will record a very strong protest at further disregard of the pledges which the Native Authorities have given in the past.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,
DAVID LANDALE,
Chairman.

D. SIFFERT, Esq.,
Consul-General for Belgium,
and Senior onsul.

Translation from the "Sinwanpao" of July 17, 1909.

CRITICISMS UPON SHANGHAI TOPICS.

Latterly when any matter of arrest by Chinese officials in the Settlement comes forward there appears to be incessant intention of creating difficulties to the utmost possible extent, to the no small prejudice of the rights and powers over the Settlement. There is a sudden wish to diminish the powers of our Chinese officials and to prevent them from extending to the Settlement. Yet if the powers of the Chinese officials really were unable to reach the Settlement all offenders in the Chinese Settlement would gladly make use of it as a place of refuge: and would this be of advantage to the Settlement? or to the advantage of those who reside in it? As for the "Teeth Tax" residents in the Settlement who pay it are many, and it cannot be compared to the sundry and separate collections mentioned in the British Consul-General's communication to the Taotai, which is a misstatement and far from the truth.

Translation of Native Receipt-Licence, dated 1907, issued to the Ting Shun Chi Hong, No. 1 Chekiang Road.

RECEIPT-LICENCE.

The Kiangsu Financial Appropriation Office hereby issued a Receipt-Licence.

Whereas the Ya Tax in the Province of Kiangsu has been increased to ten times the former rate of collection, and whereas this office by a special report has fixed the new addition at 90 per cent of the increased rate, in Tael Currency at the Treasury Tael, without further addition under the name of "Differences in Melting" or any other variable charges; it is now declared that amounts should be presented in payment at this office, by way of leniency from the 1st of the 3rd month to the 20th of the 4th month. Upon expiry of that time-limit this receipt-

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licence will be sent to the City Magistrate, for arrest and suit against the concerned thereafter.

Now the Ya Hong (Ting Shun-chi) having established a hong in the district of (Shanghai) for (native goods, namely, lime) presents and makes payment of he increased 90 per cent tax for the year 1906 amounting to (Tls. 4.50) and this sum has now been duly received. Besides, therefore, retaining the butt duly filled in and entered, and placing it on record, this receipt-licence is accordingly given for retention.

The above receipt is handed to the Ya hong for retention. Given on the——day of——the month of the 33rd year of Kuang Hsü (1907).

Translation of Native Tax Receipt, dated 1907, issued to the Ting Shun-chi Hong, No. 1 Chekiang Road.

YA TAX RECEIPT.

The Magistrate of the district of Shanghai of the prefecture of Sungkiang of the province of Kiangsu, in the matter of issuing a documentary receipt.

By the terms of the new rule promulgated by the High Authorities and the Schedule presented by the Lekin Bureau, of taxes leviable on the Ya hongs in accordance with the list of licensed hongs, and the tariff of dues, increased five fold, with schedule of classification by grade issued by the Metropolitan Board, and respectfully received, general directions have been given to make the collection, in accordance with the increase, and report and transmit it in compliance with the rates thus laid down.

The Ya Hong in question has now made payment of the dues according to their amount, and this sealed documentary receipt is accordingly given.

The particulars are as follows :—

The Ya hong named Ting Shun-chi having a hong for (native goods, namely, bricks and lime) has paid the Ya tax for the 33rd year of Kuang Hsü (1907) (Tls. 2.50.)

Given on the——day of——month of the 33rd year of Kuang Hsü (1907). Number 617.

Translation of Native Tax Receipt, dated 1908, issued to the Chin Jui-ho Hong, 172 Sinza Road.

YA TAX RECEIPT.

The Magistrate of the district of Shanghai of the prefecture of Sungkiang of the province of Kiangsu, in the matter of issuing a documentary receipt :—

The schedule presented by the Lekin Bureau, of taxes leviable on the Ya hongs in accordance with the list of licensed hongs, and the tariff of dues, with schedule of classification by grade issued by the Metropolitan Board, has been sent out and respectfully received from H.E. the Governor, directing the Magistrate to make the yearly collection, report and transmit it in compliance with the rates thus laid down.

In addition to the issue of a separate receipt for the amount of the new additional tax, the Ya hong in question has now made payment of the dues according to their amount, and this sealed documentary receipt is accordingly given.

The particulars are as follows :—

The Ya hong named (Chin Jui-ho) having a hong for (bricks and lime) has paid the tax for the 34th year of Kuang Hsü (1908) (Tls. 1). With a further addition of 200 cash per tael.

Given on the——day of——month of the 34th year of Kuang Hsü (1908). Number 159.

Shanghai, September 23, 1909.

SIR,—In reply to your letter of August 13 in regard to an organized collection of lekin on lime, I have the honour to inform you that the Consular Body shares your views as to the expediency of issuing a notification on the lines proposed, and will not cease giving its full support to any legal measures taken to stop such abuses.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

D. SIFFERT,
Consul-General for Belgium, and Senior Consul.

D. LANDALE, Esq.,
Chairman, Municipal Council.

River Conservancy.

The Chairman alludes to the present impasse which has arisen in respect to the dredging work in progress, which may possibly be discontinued during the next few days owing to absence of the requisite funds. The Council attaches the greatest importance to this question, inasmuch as discontinuance of dredging may result in both the old and new channel becoming unserviceable. It is decided to await such action as may be taken in the matter by the Chamber of Commerce, and if necessary to co-operate with that body in calling a public meeting for its discussion.

Consular Body.

A letter from Mr. Y. Matsuoka informs the Council of his appointment as Acting Consul-General for Japan with effect from September 26 vice Mr. Goro Miho, Vice-Consul-in-charge.

Parks and Open Spaces.

The minutes of the meeting of the Parks Committee of August 5 are read and confirmed. The following are ordered for publication :—

There were present :

Messrs. J. H. Teesdale (*Chairman*)
A. E. Algar
J. Ambrose
R. H. Beauchamp
The Acting Engineer
The Acting Superintendent of Parks and Assistant Secretary.

The Chairman, on behalf of the members, extends a welcome to Mr. J. Ambrose upon his joining the Committee.

Hongkew Recreation Ground.—The Committee is informed that the necessary improvements have been effected in the make of the chairs at present on hire, and that there now appears no further ground for complaint.

A draft code of amended regulations is submitted and carefully scrutinised by members. With some modifications the new regulations are recommended for adoption as follows :—

1.—The general management of the Ground is in the hands of the Parks Committee.

2.—The Ground is open to the Public between the hours of 5 a.m. and midnight from May 1 to October 15, and 6 a.m. and 7 p.m. from October 6 to April 30.

3.—No Chinese are admitted except servants in attendance upon foreigners.

4.—No Indians are admitted unless respectably dressed.

5.—Horses, ponies, vehicles and bicycls are not admitted.

6.—Perambulators must be confined to the paths.

7.—Dogs are not admitted unless properly muzzled and led on leash.

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8.—Birdnesting, plucking flowers or otherwise damaging the shrubs, plants or grass is strictly prohibited; visitors and other persons in charge of children are requested to aid in preventing such mischief.

9.—Cricket, golf, lawn tennis, bowls, football, and hockey are permitted only upon those portions of the Ground specially set apart for these games. The season for football and hockey begins, approximately, on October 15 and ends on March 15; that for cricket, lawn tennis, bowls on May 1, and ends on October 15.

10.—Grounds may be reserved for matches or practice games upon written application being made to the Superintendent.

11—No play is permitted when, in the opinion of the Superintendent, the grounds are not in a fit condition. A notice to that effect will then be exhibited at the entrance.

12.—Cricket, football and hockey are not permitted on Sundays until 1 p.m.

13.—The positions of lawn tennis courts are arranged by the Superintendent. Persons using the courts are required to wear indiarubber soled boots or shoes.

14.—Golf is permitted at all times except after 3 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays.

15.—Shooting, boating, boat sailing, lighting fires and bathing are strictly prohibited.

16.—No beating of carpets is allowed on the Ground.

17.—The Police have instructions to enforce these Regulations.

The following is the text of Article 22 of the General Regulations for the conduct of Japanese subjects in Shanghai (*vide* Japanese Consular Notification No. 3 of September 5, 1908):—

Japanese men entering the Public Gardens must wear foreign clothes or haori and hakama.

Bubbling Well Carriage Turn.—A sketch plan of proposed improvements at this open space with an estimate of cost approximating Tls. 375, is submitted and approved, a member recording the opinion that it is undesirable to cut down any of the older trees until absolutely necessary.

Roadside Trees.—The report and estimate called for with regard to the proposed scheme for more extensive planting is submitted. To this will also be added a list of the trees available for the purpose and the whole circulated for consideration by the Committee. In the course of a discussion which follows as to the general condition and development of roadside trees, reference is made to certain roads which appear to call for more careful attention, viz., the Yangtszepoo Road to the Point, where the existing willows may suitably be removed and other trees planted in their stead: the trees bordering the Race Course upon the Bubbling Well Road: the method adopted in tying up the trees in the Connaught Road is regarded as unsatisfactory, and the quality of the material used appears to call for improvement. A member also alludes to the number of old sandals which he has observed hanging from the trees, apparently thrown there by rickshaw coolies. This is regarded as unsightly, and directions are given as to their removal whenever possible, and also that more careful attention be paid towards the general tying up and staking of all roadside trees.

Park for Western District.—The Chairman alludes to negotiations for the purchase of land for this purpose which he understands were instituted some two years previously. Extracts from the Engineer's annual reports from 1904 onward are read, in which the growing need for a park in the Western District is emphasized. With this view, and upon various grounds, the members concur, and, after some discussion as to a suitable locality, the Committee desires in the first place an expression of the Council's opinion as to whether the project will become a possibility in the near future, and if so as to what steps the Committee might suitably take in the matter.

[*The Council is satisfied that there is little probability that any movement can be made in the direction of acquiring land for this purpose during this or next year, upon financial considerations alone, and after some discussion, the further view is endorsed that expenditure from the public funds on such a park would not be justified in this district where the majority of houses have private gardens attached. No steps will, therefore, be taken in the direction indicated unless a scheme is inaugurated through private munificence or by public subscription.*]

Tenders.

Of the tenders received for the supply and erection of a goods lift at the Electricity Works, in accordance with Municipal Notification No. 1982, that of Messrs. Samuel, McGregor & Co. Ltd, for a "Penrose" Lift at £411, is authorized for acceptance. The remaining tenders were as follows:—

	£
Shewan, Tomes & Co.	428
Siemssen & Co.	460
Brighten, Malcolm & Co., Ld.	475
Shanghai Dock & Engineering Co., Ld. Tls. 4250	496
Shanghai Electric & Asbestos Co, Ld.	511
Anderson, Meyer & Co.	518
Innis & Riddle	545
Siemens Schuckertwerke	578
Scott, Harding & Co.	650
Jardine, Matheson & Co. Ld.	935
Arnhold, Karberg & Co.	965

The following are also authorized for acceptance:—

Alterations and additions to the foreign quarters at the Isolation Hospital, Yue Chang, Tls. 2,240, with extras amounting to Tls. 755. The following were also received:—

	Tls.
Zee Shun Shing	3,850
Kaung Yue Kee	3,780
Zee Zung Tai	3,650
Sah Jin Kee	3,000
Joe Ming Kee	2,920
Chun Sung Kee	2,580
Chun Ming Kee	2,350

Construction of a Cement Shed at the Concreteware Yard, Joe Ming-kee, Tls. 1,325. Also tendered:—

	Tls.
Sah Jin Kee	1,900
Hung Sung Chang	1,780
Zee Shun Shing	1,720
Chun Sung Kee	1,680
Yao Sing Kee	1,640
Yue Chang	1,569

Erection of a roof over the new workshops at the Gaol, Yue Chang, Tls. 1,685. Also tendered:—

	Tls.
Joe Ming Kee	2,410
Yao Sing Kee	1,969
Chun Sung Kee	1,832
Sah Jin Kee	1,815

Painting the pavilions at the Rifle Range, Joe Ming-kee, Tls. 360.50. Also tendered:—

	Tls.
Chun Ming Kee	388
Chao Sing Tai	381
Wong Chin Kee	369

The meeting adjourns at 5.50 p.m.

Notification of Infectious Disease.

The following have been reported during the week ending Sunday, Sept. 19, 1909.	Death among Chinese population of 550,000	Cases notified among Non-Chinese population of 15,000
Small-pox.	0	0
Cholera.	0	0
Typhoid Fever.	—	1
Diphtheria.	0	0
Scarlet Fever.	0	0
Tuberculosis.	21	1
Plague.	0	0
Total Deaths from all Causes.	254	5

ARTHUR STANLEY,
Health Officer.

Public Band.

The performances during next week will (weather permitting) be as follows:

Mon.	Oct.	4, 5.00 p.m.	Public Garden
Tues.	„	5, 5.00 „	Hongkew Recreation Ground
Wed.	„	6, 5.00 „	Public Garden
Thurs.	„	7, 5.00 „	Public Garden
Fri.	„	8, 5.00 „	Hongkew Recreation Ground
Sat.	„	9, 5.00 „	Public Recreation Ground

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MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION.

No. 1986.

MOTOR CAR LICENCES. DRIVERS' CERTIFICATES.

NOTICE is hereby given that a new form of Certificate for Native Drivers has been approved and will be taken into use from this date. The present form will remain operative until October 15, after which date it will become obsolete.

From October 15 a Provisional Permit will also be necessary for native drivers learning to drive. Such permits will be issued in respect of a specified car, and upon the written application of the licensee.

The particular attention of car owners is drawn to the rules governing the issue of certificates and permits as printed thereon, also to Condition No. 6 of their licences.

Application for Provisional Permits, for the examination of drivers, and for Drivers' Certificates, should be made to the Assistant Superintendent of Police (Chinese), Central Police Station, Foochow Road.

By order,

W. E. LEVESON,

Secretary.

Council Room,
Shanghai, September 30, 1909.

AT the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, September 29, 1909, at 4.30 p.m., there are present:

Messrs. D. Landale (*Chairman*)
F. C. Heffer
W. D. Little
O. Meuser
J. Prentice
T. E. Trueman
The Secretary and
Assistant Secretary.

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

The minutes of the last meeting are read, confirmed, signed by the Chairman and passed for publication.

Chinese Proclamations.

A communication from the Senior Consul is submitted, forwarding a further proclamation by the Taotai on the subject of the boycott of Japanese goods, and it is directed that this document be sealed and posted as usual:—

Translation of Proclamation issued by the Shanghai Taotai, Tsai Nai huang, dated September 26, 1909.

It is hereby further proclaimed for public information that whereas certain evil-disposed persons in other provinces, making divers wild proposals as to the various matters for negotiation in the three Eastern Provinces, have taken the opportunity to come to Shanghai and print and issue circulars as to the boycott of Japanese goods in the hope of fanning excitement and attaining their own objects in the course of it; a proclamation has already been issued, and is on record, enjoining our Chinese merchants to carry on trade peacefully as usual, and stating that it is not permitted to lend acclamation in consonance: and action has further been taken privately to effect the capture of of the ringleaders in the issue of the circulars, and deal with them severely

The Taotai now learns that the talk of boycott is still not extinguished, and that there is a wish to issue further circulars—which as they disturb the peace, are odious in the extreme.

In addition, therefore, to making strict and secret search, effecting the capture of the concerned, closing the es ablishments of such persons as raise these proposals or print circulars, and at once arresting and dealing with them, a further proclamation is now accordingly issued for the clear information of all, and hereby the mercantile community and others are expected one and all to take note.

You must know that the talk of boycotts has the sole effect of destroying amicable relations and doing injury to both sides, with advantage to neither. Care should be taken to listen to no rumours, and since repeated warnings as to such ignorant conduct have on this occasion been issued, any person hereafter still venturing wilfully to disobey, will, so soon as it has been found to be true, be brought up and examined without leniency.

Let it not be said that this has not been stated beforehand, and let all with deference comply.

Lekin Collection in the Settlement.

The following is a translation of the notice issued in accordance with the terms of the correspondence published in the Municipal Gazette of September 30:—

There are recent reports by the Police to the effect that certain runners employed by lekin guarantee and other offices frequently come into the Settlement and collect various taxes such as Ya Shui upon lime, fuel and other commodities, and have performed various other acts in this connexion such as affixing stamps upon packages, or serving summonses on residents without the assistance of the Municipal Police.

The Council issued a notice on March 30, 1903, on the subject of such action by Yamên runners and the servants of official bureaux, containing the following words:—

"The official servants and others of lekin "bureau may not collect lekin within "the Settlement in disobedience to rule, "or detain goods, or exact fines, and in "cases of this kind the merchants molested "should in every case report to the Police "for action to be taken."

Again on June 9, 1903, in a further notice it was stated:—

"If the runners of Chinese Yamêns and "the official servants of lekin offices "disturb the public, the latter may "come to the Council and accuse the "concerned, and in every case action "will be taken in accordance with "rule. The Council is established for the "special purpose of safeguarding the "public. It is to be feared, however, that "these are matters to which the Council's "action cannot reach wherein the residents "are the sufferers; yet it must be noted "that if those who are victimised do not "at once report their case to the Council. "it is impossible to inquire into it and "deal with it."

Again, on October 18, 1904, in a further notice, referring to the establishment known as the Chou Fang Chü, irregularly functioning in the Settlement, it was stated:—

"It is to be observed that inside the "Settlement no person has hitherto been "permitted to establish bureau or collect "taxes. The presence of the bureau in "question was a clear breach of standing "rules in the Settlement, and it is now "proclaimed, and all classes of residents "are expected one and all to take note "that hereafter if any person again "collect taxes from any resident, it is "permitted to inform the nearest police-"station, with a view to investigation "and action."

These notifications are on record.

So likewise now the collectors of Ya Shui or the runners of any lekin Guarantee or other sundry Tax Offices are in fact infringing on standing rules when they enter the Settlement and interfere with the residents, serving summonses or other such documents, or performing any work of the kind. But if merchants and residents forgetting former notifications fail to report to the Police at the time, it is clearly impossible to take action and capture offenders. The Council, therefore, again expressly declares and publishes, and all merchants are expected one and all to take note, that hereafter when occurrences of this kind take place, they should forthwith inform the nearest police-station so that prompt arrest and investigation may follow.

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Victoria Nursing Home.

Mental Ward.—A letter from Dr. Milles is read as to the case of Maria Bernstein, an unrepresented foreign pauper, who has been in the free ward at the General Hospital for nearly three years and is stated latterly to have become demented. Dr Milles requests her treatment at the Mental Ward at the public cost and the Chairman supports the view that this is the proper course. To this the Health Officer's recommendation is strongly adverse upon the grounds that the limited accommodation at the Ward is intended for acute cases of mental disease, the time of sojourn being limited to six months, and that it is unsuitable for the permanent incarceration of the chronically insane. It is decided after some discussion to accept the case at the Home for the present, endeavouring to obtain recognition of her nationality by the consulate concerned with a view to repatriation.

Tramways.

Fare Sections.—A letter from the Tramway Company is submitted proposing certain changes in the arrangement of sections on the Rifle Range route, on the circular route to the Railway Station, and from the Yangkingpang to Yangtszepoo, incident upon the through running of cars from the French Settlement. In the opinion that the Company should at the present juncture have as much freedom of action as possible in such matters the Council approves the arrangements as a whole.

Stopping Places.—A letter from a ratepayer refers to the obstruction to traffic caused by the stoppage of cars abreast in the Nanking Road between Kiangse and Honan Roads and a Police Report thereon submits correspondence with the Company and a letter which has been addressed to the Automobile Club on the subject. The difficulty appears to be adjustable by fixing the stopping place for incoming cars midway between the existing stop and the Kiangse Road corner, and that for outgoing cars midway between the existing stop and the next pole to the West. If this arrangement is impracticable the Council directs that these stopping places be amended in accordance with the Police proposals.

Public Lighting.

The suggestion of the Electrical Engineer is submitted, to substitute flame lamps for those existing in Broadway between the Garden Bridge and Hongkew Creek. This proposal is approved.

In continuation of correspondence published in the Gazette of August 19, the following additional letters are ordered for publication :—

Shanghai, August 21, 1909.

Dear Sir,—Your letter of August 6 in reply to mine of June 8, regarding public lighting, has been laid before my Directors at their meeting held yesterday, and in reply I am directed to state that, whilst thanking you for the attention you have given to the matter, they are somewhat surprised that, after having left my letter unacknowledged for a period of two months, you should have published your reply in the Municipal Gazette, within a few days of its dispatch, and without having given the Company reasonable time or opportunity to refute the statements detrimental to gas lighting therein contained, and the correctness of which my Directors are not prepared to admit.

Without wishing to prolong the correspondence unnecessarily by dealing with your arguments against the extension of the use of gas for public lighting in detail, there are some points to which, in view of the publicity already given in your letter, my Directors feel called upon to reply.

With regard to the rapid deterioration of mantles, even were such the case, which we do not admit, it would not affect the question, as it is evident that if the Gas Company contracted with the Council to supply a lamp of 60 c.p. (to select an instance which you yourself allude to on page 2) the onus of *maintaining* the lamps at that standard would devolve on the Gas Company, and any expense for replacing mantles would fall on them. Incandescent gas lamps, in common with electric arc lamps are equally good after several years use, provided that the maintenance of burners and mantles is attended to.

The advantage that the electric lighting system is claimed to possess in the fact that the lamps in use are switched on simultaneously in circuits, only represents a saving of labour in lamp-lighting, which again is provided for in the Gas Company's quotation, whilst against this must be placed the disadvantage, that the lamps in each circuit are as simultaneously extinguished in case of accident.

Whilst fully appreciating the position of the Electricity Department as a Municipal undertaking, it seems obvious that the ratepayers can scarcely be said to share in the profit, if these profits are merely the nominal ones derived from interdepartmental dealings.

I do not propose in this letter to enter the technical question of diffusion. This can best be proved by demonstration, but I would point out that in London the extended use of incandescent gas lighting was largely due to the fact that, it was found that the diffusive power of the incandescent mantle was superior to that of the electric arc lamps.

So far the Council, whilst adopting the latest developments in electric lighting, have not, my Directors submit, pursued the policy towards gas lighting.

The matter is not confined to the interest of the Gas Company, or the Electricity Department, but is one of much public importance, involving as it does great possible economy combined with efficiency. My Directors therefore desire now to ask the Council to afford the Company a full and fair opportunity of demonstrating, by the erection and maintenance for a reasonable period, of sufficient gas lamps, such as they offer to supply to the Council, in a suitable central area, so that not only the Council, but the public may have a fair opportunity of judging by demonstration, that the Company is able to supply the light offered in my letter of June 8. For this purpose the Gas Company is prepared to supply light and maintain, fifteen (15) to twenty (20) of such lamps, during the period of demonstration, free of cost to the community.

That incandescent gas has been found by some of the most advanced communities, to possess advantages warranting its extended adoption by Municipal authorities, is proved by the numbers of such lamps at present in use for public lighting. May I draw your attention to the following statistics:—

	Population.	Lamps.
Shanghai...	544,500	700
Liverpool (where the electricity undertaking is in the hands of the corporation, and the gas represented by a public company)... ...	685,000	23,556
Leeds	429,000	18,135
Calcutta	1,322,500	11,943
Bradford	280,000	12,142
Sydney	488,000	10,535

Figures might be quoted showing also how extensively incandescent gas lighting has been adopted by the Municipal authorities of Paris, Berlin, Vienna and other great Continental cities.

I would take this opportunity of informing the Council that a special commission has been appointed by the London County Council to visit the leading towns in Europe and to report fully on the vexed question of public lighting, and have recently completed their labours.

A report, of the nature of which we are at present in ignorance, will be published shortly, and I trust that on receipt of same, the Council will allow me to forward them a copy.

In conclusion I am instructed by my Directors to request that, as the letter you have published contains statements detrimental to the Gas Company's interest, and of a nature which may be accepted by the public without consideration, you will be good enough to have this reply thereto published in the next issue of the Municipal Gazette, or, failing that, to acquiesce in its publication in the public press, together with the other letters which have passed between us relative to this matter.

I am, Dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

Geo. R. Wingrove,

Secretary.

W. E. Leveson, Esq.,
Secretary, Municipal Council.

Council Room,
Shanghai, September 29, 1909.

Sir,—Delay in replying to your letter of August 21, in continuation of previous letters on the subject of public lighting by gas and by electricity, has been due to the fact that the Council was in recess at the time of its

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receipt and until September 15. The matter had the attention of the Works Committee at its first meeting after the recess, and I am now directed to state that the Council is of opinion that little good will result from prolonging the correspondence.

I am to add that the lighting arrangements for the current year are now completed, and that the whole of your representations on the subject will be taken into consideration in framing proposals for 1910. In the meanwhile, in accordance with your request, your letter will be published in the number of the Municipal Gazette next ensuing

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
J. B. A. MACKINNON,
Assistant Secretary.

G. R. WINGROVE, Esq.,
Secretary,
Shanghai Gas Co. Ld.

Signboards.

As a result of the receipt of a number of applications from foreign firms and others for permission to erect signboards projecting from their premises over the public thoroughfares, the Council has had under consideration the advisability of amending the conditions which govern the issue of such permits.

The standing rule with regard to the erection of signboards has hitherto been that "they shall be suspended close against the wall of the building and shall not project over the road or footpath." Under Clause LVII of the Rules with respect to new foreign buildings, the erection of verandahs 15 feet above a public road and with a projection of 3 feet, is allowed, and, upon these lines, the Council accordingly authorizes the issue of permits for signboards, with the limitation that they shall not project more than 3 feet over the roadway (in no case over the curb) and shall not be less than 11 feet from the ground. All signboards will be liable to removal at the Council's request upon six months' notice.

Road Extensions and Widenings.

Peking Road.—The following correspondence contains the terms upon which the Peking Road frontage of Cadastral Lot 191 will be set back to the new forty-foot line; the acquisition of the strips scheduled for purposes of the Shantung and Soochow Roads will be deferred until rebuilding takes place:—

Shanghai, August 18, 1909.

DEAR SIR,—We are now prepared to surrender to the Council a portion of the B.C. Lot 150 coloured red on the plan sent to us by the Municipal Engineer and measuring in area Mow 0.206 on the following terms:—

	Tls.
That the Council pay to the owner Mr. St. Aubyn for such land	4,120.00
Plus 10% for compulsory surrender	412.00
For net cost of alterations to 6½ shops	325.00
For net cost of alterations to godown	450.00
For loss of 2 months rental from godown during alterations	220.00
For loss of 2 months from 6½ houses during alterations.	244 00
	5,771 00
Less one fifth for betterment on Tls. 4,532	906.40
	Tls. 4,864 60

Though we admit that some improvement might be derived from the widening of the road by the public, we do not agree, looking at the matter from the point of view of the owner, who has Chinese shopkeepers as tenants, that he will derive any benefit.

Yours truly,
HANSON MCNEILL & JONES.

W. E. LEVESON, Esq.,
Secretary, Municipal Council.

Council Room,
Shanghai, September 17, 1909.

GENTLEMEN,—I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of August 18, with reference to the widening of the Peking Road ex Cadastral Lot 191.

To the rate per mow upon which your claim is based, to the usual addition of 10 per cent for compulsory surrender, and to the whole of the items for reinstatement and loss of rental, the Council readily assents; but I am directed to ask that you may be good enough to agree to a substitution of one-third for one-fifth for betterment With regard to this point you are doubtless familar with the Council's views both in respect to road widenings in general and that of the Peking Road in particular, and it only remains for me to say that the property in question is a large one and that the excision of Mow 0.206 is no permanent hardship, that the present width of the street averages little more than 22 feet, and that while in certain cases a reduction of one-fifth is permissible there appears to be no special circumstances warranting such a course in this instance.

I am, Gentlemen,
Your obedient servant,
W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

Messrs. HANSON, MCNEILL & JONES.

Shanghai, September 23, 1909.

DEAR SIR,—We beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 17th instant informing us that while the Council has readily assented to all the items of claim detailed in our letter to you of August 18 in regard to the proposed surrender of a portion of Cadastral lot 191 for road widening, the Council considers that we should agree to the substitution of one-third for one-fifth for betterment. In reply we beg to state that in allowing a reduction of one-fifth for betterment in our claim, we were acting partly under the owner's instructions who writes to us saying that "one-third reduction for betterment appears to be a large one for an unknown and unascertained benefit" and partly from our own experience of the little benefit that owners of Chinese properties are deriving from the widening of any roads.

In view, however, of the benefit which the general public should derive from the widening of the Peking Road we are willing to reduce the owner's claim for compensation from Tls. 4,864.60 to Tls. 4,700. We trust that the Council will see their way to agree to pay this amount.

Yours truly,
HANSON, MCNEILL & JONES.

W. E. LEVESON, Esq.,
Secretary, Municipal Council.

Council Room,
Shanghai, September 29, 1909.

GENTLEMEN,—I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of September 23, and, in reply thereto, to state that the Council accepts the amended claim of Tls. 4,700 therein contained, in full settlement of the compensation in respect to the land required ex Cadastral lot 191 for the widening of the Peking Road.

I am to convey to you an expression of the Council's thanks for the concession which you have made in the matter.

I am, Gentlemen,
Your obedient servant,
W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

Messrs. HANSON, MCNEILL & JONES.

Kaifeng Road.—With reference to the drainage scheme in this neighbourhood, details of which were published in the Municipal Gazette of July 22, and to the acquisition, at the rate fixed by the Taotai's proclamation, of the necessary unregistered land for road purposes, payment of Tls. 560 is authorized to Mr. Hang Ping-sung for the reinstatement of seven two-storied houses to the west of the Jehol Road.

Purdon Road.—For the proposed continuation of this road north of the Haining Road the necessary portion of Cadastral Lot 714 has been secured at a cost of Tls. 1,000 :—

Shanghai, June 10, 1909.

DEAR SIR,— In reply to your letter of the 3rd instant, we shall be prepared to surrender the piece in question at the rate of Tls. 10,000 per mow.

We do not see in what way the formation of the road will constitute a considerable or any betterment to the property, as the lot is a small one and already has a road frontage and the piece scheduled is a considerable slice off the lot and if anything will depreciate rather than enhance the value of the lot.

Yours faithfully,
HANSON MCNEILL & JONES.

C. H. GODFREY, Esq.
Acting Municipal Engineer.

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Council Room,
Shanghai, August 27, 1909.

GENTLEMEN,—I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of June 10, addressed to the Municipal Engineer, upon the subject of the extension of the Purdon Road and Cadastral Lot 714.

In reply thereto I am to point out that the high rate of compensation which you claim would involve a considerable increase in the taxation of the property, in accordance with Resolution V passed at the last Annual Meeting of Ratepayers.

With regard to your contention that no benefit will accrue to the lot, I am to state that the Council regards this as a somewhat special case, and is of opinion that some deduction from your claim should be made for the following reasons.

A native theatre is being erected upon the property and the construction of buildings of this nature requires that a certain number of emergency exit doors be included, also that a space for passage be left at the side of the building. From the plan submitted it is noted that two such exits are proposed in the Purdon Road and one at the corner of this and the Haining Roads, while the former road will afford the requisite free access to the side of the building.

I may point out that this public improvement will constitute the lot in question a valuable corner site, which factor, judging from the general design of the proposed building, appears to have been fully taken in account.

For the above reasons, therefore, I am directed to submit for your consideration a counter-offer, based upon the assessed value of the property, Tls. 6.500 per mow, plus 10 per cent, and with a deduction of one-third for betterment, a total sum of Tls. 739 for the Mow 0.155 involved.

I am, Gentlemen,
Your obedient servant,
W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

Messrs. HANSON, MCNEILL & JONES.

Shanghai, August 31, 1909.

In reply to your letter of the 27th instant, we beg to refer to paragraph four therein, in which you point out the advantage which the new Purdon Road affords in the matter of emergency exits from the theatre erected on Lot 714. These exits, however, were not dependent upon the construction of Purdon Road since there was already in existence an alleyway sufficient for the purpose.

As to paragraph five we admit the advantage of a corner site as a generality, but in this case the apparent benefit of being converted into a corner site so diminished the size and spoilt the shape of the land for the purpose for which it was intended to be used, viz., as a theatre, that the present building has not proved a success by reason of its inconveniently small size and awkward proportions.

In the circumstances therefore we submit that your offer of Tls. 739 does not adequately represent the loss suffered by the owner of this property.

If it will enable the matter to be disposed of forthwith we are prepared to accept Tls. 1,000 instead of Tls. 1,550 claimed. This offer is made without prejudice to our original claim.

We are, Sir,
Your obedient servants,
HANSON, MCNEILL & JONES.

THE SECRETARY
Municipal Council.

Council Room.
Shanghai, September 29, 1909.

GENTLEMEN,—I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of August 31, in continuation of correspondence on the subject of the strip of Cadastral Lot 714 required for the extension of the Purdon Road.

In reply thereto I am to state that by way of compromise the Council accepts your amended claim of Tls.1,000 as full compensation for the surrender of the land in question.

I am, Gentlemen,
Your obedient servant,
W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

Messrs. HANSON MCNEILL & JONES.

Manila Road.—A letter from a resident draws attention to the condition of this road in wet weather, and, in accordance with the policy outlined in the Municipal Gazette of August 12, provision will be made in the Budget for 1910 for the metalling of a 12-foot strip of the road, which work will be carried out at the completion of the projected sewering of the district.

Bubbling Well Road.—As a result of a request for permission to extend the building on Lot 2191 over the present scheduled roadline, the Works Committee recorded the opinion that this should not be permitted under any circumstances, but that, on the other hand, the Council might suitably acquire the strip required to continue the recent widening of the road as far as the present building on the property. Negotiations have now been concluded for the surrender of Mow 0.224 at the assessed value plus 10 per cent, or a sum of Tls. 1,478. Payment of a further sum of Tls. 700 for reinstatement is also authorized. Registered owner, The Yokohama Specie Bank, Ld.

Hart Road.—A payment of Tls. 24.60 is authorized to the native owner of unregistered land east of Cadastral Lot 2701 for acquisition, at the rate fixed by the Taotai's proclamation, of an area of Mow 0.082 scheduled for the widening of this road.

Great Western Road.—The French Council has addressed a letter on the subject of the method of division of the parallel roads now under construction east of Mohawk Road, and some discussion ensues, during which the opinion of the Works Committee is recorded that expenditure on this road should be reduced to a minimum. The members are of opinion that even small strips of turf would be inadvisable in this locality and that whatever lighting arrangements are made, the lamps should be maintained between the two roads at the joint cost of the Councils. With a direction on these two points, the matter will be left for settlement by the two Municipal Engineers.

Road to Flour Mill.—The General Managers of the Mill have applied for copies of the plan of this road as already surrendered, and as scheduled for widening. In forwarding these it is decided to state that the uncertain river boundary of the lot has made exact definition of the scheduled line a matter of some difficulty, but that it is the Council's intention, hereafter and when conservancy matters are further developed, that Extension No. 69 shall be along the water-front.

Drainage.

The Engineer reports that the estimates contained in the Budget for culverts in the Connaught and Hungjao Roads are quite insufficient for the work involved; and, inasmuch as the existing facilities are not inadequate, it is decided that the works be left in abeyance for the present.

The meeting adjourns at 6 p.m.

Notification of Infectious Disease.

The following have been reported during the week ending Sunday, Sept. 19, 1909.	Death among Chinese population of 550,000	Cash notified among Non-Chinese population of 15,000
Small-pox.	1	0
Cholera.	0	0
Typhoid Fever.	—	1
Diphtheria.	0	0
Scarlet Fever.	0	0
Tuberculosis.	15	0
Plague.	0	0
Total Deaths from all Causes.	220	4

ARTHUR STANLEY,
Health Officer.

Public Band.

The performances during next week will (weather permitting) be as follows:

Mon.	11,	5.00 p.m.	Public Garden
Tues.	12,	5.00 „	Hongkew Recreation Ground
Wed.	13,	5.00 „	Public Garden
Thurs.	14,	5.00 „	Public Garden
Fri.	15,	5.00 „	Hongkew Recreation Ground
Sat.	16,	3.00 „	Public Recreation Groun , during the Police Sports

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Health Officer's Report for September.

During September there has been a remarkable absence of the commoner preventable diseases. The prevalence of summer bowel troubles, due to infected food, diminished with the fall in the atmospheric temperature. Diarrhœa of dysenteric type has, however, been more common. The supervision of the food supply has continued to be exceptionally rigorous.

Regarding these bowel troubles, which are the only maladies to be specially feared by the Shanghai resident, it is to be noted that the public have the matter of prevention almost entirely in their own hands, if they follow the provisions of the Public Health Notice in household management and individually consume nothing which has not been cooked or otherwise sterilised. It affords material for reflection to witness a group of otherwise educated adults consuming such highly dangerous food as grapes, set upon the table without previous sterilisation and on which the obscene fly unheeded leaves its deadly trail. With such abject carelessness Public Health Measures are of little avail. The Public Health notice may be obtained on application to the Health Officer.

To those who have shown some interest in the destruction of the "deadly house fly" it may be well to point out that the best available measures are the maintenance of cleanliness in and about the house, so as to deprive the insect of food and of breeding places, and the use of perforated zinc in windows and of spring doors in places where food is kept.

The condition as regards Plague continues satisfactory. One plague infected rat was found in the Northern district; special measures being concentrated on the focus. The rat catch for the month was the highest on record, due to gradual perfection of the methods used.

Although no cases of Small-pox have occurred during the month the season is approaching when the disease usually becomes prevalant. Now is the time, therefore, to be vaccinated. Vaccination should be repeated every three years or until it no longer takes.

Mosquito extermination work has been continued throughout the month with varying success. Apart from natural conditions of the Settlement, which favour the development of mosquitoes, the greatest difficulty appears to be the want of co-operation between the Chinese staff and the Chinese public; neither of which yet properly understand the mutual responsibilities of municipal life.

There are vacancies for probationer nurses at the Victoria Nursing Home, who will devote themselves, during a period of training of three years, to the attainment of a knowledge of nursing. Particulars may be obtained from, and application should be made to, the Matron at the home.

Here follow tables of Vital Statistics, Infectious Disease and outdoor Sanitary work, including a special summary of Plague Prevention work and Anti-Mosquito work; work done in the Municipal Laboratory, Municipal Hospitals and Slaughter-house; and lists of premises licensed for the protection of Public Health.

ARTHUR STANLEY,
Health Officer.

DEATHS.

	Foreign. Resident.	Foreign. Non-Resident.	Native.
Small-pox	0	0	0
Cholera	0	0	0
Typhoid Fever	1	1	—
Diphtheria	0	0	1
Scarlet Fever	0	0	1
Tuberculosis	1	0	86
From all causes	38	9	1175

INFECTIOUS DISEASE NOTIFIED AMONG FOREIGN RESIDENT POPULATION.

Small-pox	0
Cholera	0
Typhoid Fever	1
Diphtheria	1
Scarlet Fever	2
Tuberculosis	1

MUNICIPAL LABORATORY.

Small-pox vaccine issued	649 tubes
Vaccinations	5
Diphtheria Antitoxin issued	32 bottles
Cases undergoing anti-rabic treatment	2
Bacteriological examinations	66
Analyses	46

VICTORIA NURSING HOME.

Cases admitted	59
Discharged	38
Died	1
Remaining last day of month	31
Nursed outside the Home	4
Daily visits	0
Nursing pre-engagements	1

ISOLATION HOSPITALS

	Foreign.	Native.
Cases Admitted—Small-pox	1	0
Cholera	0	0
Typhoid Fever	0	0
Diphtheria	0	1
Scarlet Fever	0	0
Other Diseases	10	82
Discharged	5	79
Died	4	10
Remaining last day of month	3	56

REPORT ON ANALYSIS OF WATER.

Sample received September 30, 1909.
Report sent out October 5, 1909.
Sample of Shanghai Waterworks Co.'s Water.

Physical Characters.—Greenish yellow colour with slight opacity. Faintly alkaline reaction. Well aerated.

Solid Matter in Solution	10.0
a.—Volatile	4.8
b.—Fixed	5.2
Appearance on Ignition	Slight Charring
Total Hardness	6.0
a.—Temporary	2.0
b.—Permanent	4.0
Chlorine	1.5
Nitrogen as Nitrates	0.0037
Saline Ammonia	0.0021
Albuminoid Ammonia	0.0095
Poisonous Metals	Nil
Nitrites	Nil
Phosphates	Nil
Sulphates	Traces.

Report on Analysis.—A sample of water of good degree of biological and chemical purity.

MOSQUITO EXTERMINATION WORK DURING SEPTEMBER.

	District. Eastern	Northern	Central	Western	Total
Stagnant waters on land removed	39	67	0	19	125
Stagnant waters in and around houses removed	4283	6219	120	2595	13217
Stagnant waters oiled weekly	16460	124	2800	1728	21110

SLAUGHTER-HOUSE RETURNS.

	Slaughtered.	Rejected at Slaughter-house.	Passed for Slaughter from Cattle-sheds.	Passed for Export from Cattle-sheds.	Rejected at Cattle-sheds.
Oxen	1531	6	1531	0	0
Sheep	2364	5	2364	34	4
Calves	364	0	364	0	0
Pigs	192	0	0	0	0

LICENSED AERATED WATER FACTORIES.

Name of Factories	Situation.
The Aquarius Co.	2 Muirhead Road
A. S. Watson & Co.	134 N. Szechuen Rd
Llewellyn & Co.	9 Canton Road.

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GENERAL SANITARY WORK FOR SEPTEMBER.

	District				
	Eastern	Northern	Central	Western	Total.
Vaccination against small-pox	0	2	1	0	3
Enquiries after notification of foreign cases of infectious disease	0	5	0	3	8
Enquiries after notification of Chinese cases of, and deaths from, infectious disease	188	64	257	18	527
Rooms disinfected after infectious disease	70	71	15	14	170
Articles of clothing, bedding, etc., disinfected by steam	4340	78	109	166	4693
Houses cleansed and limewashed	1033	1032	157	0	2222
Ventilation and lighting amended	0	24	0	0	24
Defective drainage amended	8	16	11	0	35
Insanitary wells abolished	0	0	0	0	0
Proper water supply provided	0	0	0	0	0
Insanitary latrines and urinals rendered healthy	0	1	4	0	5
Night-soil pits and kongs abolished	5	2	0	0	7
Exposed coffined corpses removed and buried	3	4	0	0	7
Smoke nuisances suppressed	0	1	0	0	1
Offensive trade processes amended	0	0	0	0	0
Beggar-boats removed	3	0	0	0	3
Complaints of insanitary conditions received from the public	6	16	9	5	36
Insanitary conditions reported by Health Officer	18	34	11	1	64
Written intimations issued for sanitary amendment	8	4	0	0	12
Second written intimations issued for sanitary amendment	0	0	0	0	0
Notice of intention to proceed served	0	0	0	0	0
Samples taken for analysis	9	13	3	10	35
Pounds of unsound fruit destroyed	8440	1340	830	160	10770
Hawkers brought into markets	111	176	42	53	385
Food prosecutions	3	7	3	0	13
House refuse prosecutions	29	6	0	9	44
Laundry and other prosecutions	7	0	0	0	7
Tons of ordure removed	1200	2500	1610	1080	6390
Tons of house refuse removed	2211	3218	3846	1217	10492

Summary of Plague Prevention Work

During September, 1909.

During the week ending September 3, 1909.	District				Total
	Eastern	Northern	Central	Western	
Rats found dead and brought to the Laboratory for examination	222	331	361	153	1067
Rats plague infected	0	1	0	0	1
No. of traps in operation	2200	2400	1500	400	6500
No. of rats trapped and burnt	2074	3213	2169	3195	8851
Poisoned baits laid	0	51050	62000	0	113050
Houses temporarily rat-proofed and disinfected under notice to occupier	684	78	522	0	1284
Houses rat-proofed under notice to owner	0	0	0	0	0
Persons vaccinated against plague	0	0	0	0	0

LICENSED ICE FACTORIES.

The Shanghai Ice, Cold, Storage & Refrigeration Co.	Yangtszepoo Road.
The Oriental Ice Co.	8 Thorne Road.

LICENSED DAIRIES.

Dairy.	Situation.
EASTERN	DISTRICT.
Riverside Farm	76 Yangtszepoo Road
Shanghai Dairy	" "
Inshallah Dairy Farm	71 Ward Road
Sung Shing Dairy	Thorburn Road
Yangtszepoo Farm	" "
Farfield Dairy	19 Kwenming Road
Wayside Dairy	1543 Tongshan Road
Tuh Shing	East Kashing Road
NORTHERN	DISTRICT.
International Dairy	N. Szechuen Road
Hongkew Dairy	" "
Yong Shu Fong	N Honan Road
Mo Hung Shing	N Szechuen Road
Ching Kee	N Honan Road
Hong Kee	N Szechuen Road
Pau Chee	N Honan Road
Shing Chee	N. Honan Road
Private Dairy	Range Road
WESTERN	DISTRICT.
The Farm	Siccawei Road
Crawford's Dairy	" "
St. George's Farm	Bubbling Well Road
Swiss Farm	" " "
Culty's Dairy	Route d'Oumer
Lemke's (Private) Dairy	460 Ave. Paul Brunat
Hung Fei's Dairy	Bubbling Well Road
Yuen Sang	" " "
Zee Butler	601 Burkill Road
Gordon Rd. Dairy Co.	1128 Gordon Road
Yui Chong	756 Avenue Road
Fok Kyi	1401 " "
Hop Shing	1 Yu Yuen Road
Nee Shing	Markham Road
Yok Kyi	Medhurst Road
The Dairy Farm and Produce Co.	Siccawei Road

LICENSED LAUNDRIES.

Laundry.	Situation.
EASTERN	DISTRICT.
Ah Chow	465-6 Dent Road
Ah Kung	467 do.
Old Ah Foo	469-71 do.
Jackson	472-3 do.
Big Sam	36-8 Dent Lane
Jim	1858 Seward Road
Wo Yue	1859 do.
Yue Shing	1860 do.
Ching Kee	1861 do.
Mew Shing	1862 do.
Ah Ling	1863 do.
Big Jim	1192 Yuhang Road
Ah Kee	222 Tongshan Road
No. 1 Kashing	262-3 Harbin Road
No. 2 "	260-1 do.
No. 3 "	258-9 do
No. 4 "	257-8 do
No. 5 "	256 do.
No. 6 "	255 do.
No. 7 "	254 do.
No. 8 "	253 do.
No. 9 "	251-2 do.
No. 10 "	250-1 do
No. 11 "	249 do.
No. 12 "	248 do.
No. 13 "	247 do
No. 14 "	245 do.
No. 15 "	243-4 do.
No. 16 "	242 do
No. 17 "	241 do
No. 18 "	240 do.
No. 19 "	239 do.
Nos. 20-50 "	234-275 do.
NORTHERN	DISTRICT.
Yoh Shing	346 Woosung Road
Miller	608 Miller Road
Chin Kee	1113 Woosung Road
Wong Ah Sam	1381 Haining Road
Yah Tah Tung	Pd 2818 Haining Rd
N. Y. K.	N. Szechuen Rd. Ex.
Japanese	Pd 778 Elgin Road
International No. 1	N. Szechuen Rd. Ex.
WESTERN	DISTRICT.
Yung Shing Washing Co	309-318 Yuking Rd.
Woo Kee Washing Co.	259 Taku Road
Do Foo Washing Co	55 Yates Road
Ziang Shing " "	24 Weihaiwei Rd
Shz Shing Washing Co.	105 "
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Yung Sun Washing Co.	210 "
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Shanghai Steam Laundry Co.	210 "

LICENSED BUTCHERS, POULTRY, GAME AND VEGETABLE DEALERS.

Butchers.	Situation.
NORTHERN	DISTRICT.
W. Futterer	1106 Broadway
Fritz Pasche	7 "
R. Neumann	Astor Road
Dzung Yung Chung	72 Tiendong Road
Kyung Yue Shing	671 " "
Tsiang Ka Va	672 " "
Lo Jung	957 Woochang Road
Sieu Kam Cheong	5 and 6 Market Road
Wong Yeek Sang	1457 Woosung Road
Vee Ching Kee	1578 " "
Ah Sing	17 Market Road
A. Möhle	178 Boone Road
CENTRAL	DISTRICT.
Hop Foong	17 Maloo Market
Hong Kee	19 " "
Yeh Tai	27 " "
Tsin Tai	28 " "
Yong Ta	29 " "
Hopkins	1 Ningpo Road
Vegetable and Game.	
CENTRAL	DISTRICT.
Tsao Sung Ling	12 Maloo Market
Lin Yun Kung	14 " "
Tsu Chee Ling	15 " "
Vee Ah Sun	16 " "
Loh Ah Sai	18 " "
Nui Ah Char	26 " "
Zung Tsau Ming	30 " "
Bak Yung Ling	31 " "
Chu Wai Chu	33 " "
NORTHERN	DISTRICT
Tsau Sung Ling	677 Tiendong Road
Yue Ming Kwai	1451 Woosung Road
Vee Fah Kee	182 Market Road
Sau Z. Yoong	32 & 33 Miller Road

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Summary of Revenue for August.

Description	Estimate	1909			1908			1907		
		Number	Amount	Total from January 1.	Number	Amount	Total from January 1.	Number	Amount	Total from January 1.
	Tls.		Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.		Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.		Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.
LAND TAX	685,400	—	130,515.05	614,790.91	—	123,497.54	473,069.40	—	61,635.03	294,549.04
GENERAL MUNICIPAL RATE—										
Foreign	499,800	—	51,437.46	342,542.30	—	61,385.40	292,164.09	—	40,799.78	241,663.12
Native	650,400	—	45,236.47	478,447.11	—	51,075.72	428,641.78	—	39,437.25	378,767.21
WHARFAGE DUES	160,000	—	—	85,297.71	—	—	79,387.79	—	—	93,294.23
LICENSE FEES—										
Foreign Hotel and Tavern	6,500	2	116.67	5,574.01	1	50.00	4,609.08	1	65.00	4,151.50
Foreign Liquor Seller	18,000	3	120.00	13,071.66	2	66.87	13,709.71	—	—	14,139.42
Restaurant	4,700	—	—	3,230.00	—	—	3,590.00	1	10.00	3,510.00
Billiard and Bowling Saloon	700	1	6.00	453.00	—	—	504.50	2	7.00	495.00
Native Club	4,000	2	50.00	1,583.33	—	—	—	—	—	—
Native Lodging-house	6,600	—	—	5,313.00	7	28.00	4,855.23	—	—	3,501.31
Native wine-shop	16,000	523	1,783.00	10,806.00	306	1,099.00	7,265.46	381	835.38	5,620.13
Tea-shop	7,500	593	770.40	5,408.76	575	517.22	3,815.23	535	445.95	3,550.81
Foreign Theatre	1,800	25	481.00	3,009.00	10	160.00	1,337.00	13	166.00	972.35
Native Theatre	3,600	22	326.50	2,8 6.50	22	313.00	2,359.00	24	238.00	1,822.50
Pawn-shop	17,000	229	3,800.97	12,338.22	210	3,970.62	13,124.9	—	—	9,476.91
Opium-shop	17,000	232	2,285.50	12,809.70	137	637.04	3,234.40	85	336.01	2,893.42
Opium-house	35,000	301	2,827.50	29,448.42	1, 13	3,434.43	35,341.46	1,533	4,961.97	41,306.38
Cargo Boat	5,800	627	388.29	3,381.88	708	431.37	3,420.80	794	462.17	3,811.39
Ferry and Passenger Boat	1,100	62	92.25	713.93	64	94.09	728.02	61	88.45	810.74
Steam Launch	2,200	47	75.91	1,613.68	56	82.27	1,607.48	50	84.08	1,580.41
Native Boat	3,700	1,668	295.86	2,270.58	1,616	306.22	2,486.23	1,493	314.43	2,561.95
Sampan	1,500	88	64.95	907.88	137	96.97	997.80	123	88.69	1,137.34
Private-owned Pony and Carriage	14,500	P. 48 / C. 42	191.81	11,685.30	P. 71 / C. 71	301.91	10,904.66	C. 64 / P. 55	172.48	8,877.08
Livery Stable	26,000	P. 759 / C. 593	2,309.34	18,431.62	P. 753 / C. 583	2,255.89	18,901.85	P. 805 / C. 604	2,420.40	20,157.01
Motor Car	2,500	13	60.00	2,210.00	14	67.00	1,765.34	9	31.85	1,056.85
Cart	20,000	862	1,397.50	12,279.43	942	1,125.00	11,215.95	1,050	1,270.48	11,656.81
Private-owned Ricsha	38,000	154	306.68	3,230.76	258	535.87	26,727.09	343	416.66	23,275.51
Public Ricsha	107,000	8,384	9,270.92	74,993.33	7,828	8,569.81	71,232.85	8,118	8,812.66	72,538.01
Sedan-chair	5,200	—	—	3,199.50	15	32.85	4,056.71	22	48.56	4,241.13
Wheel-barrow	39,000	6,076	3,041.93	24,070.70	6,223	2,310.52	22,763.45	7,225	3,063.02	24,995.31
Firearms	2,700	—	—	1,800.00	—	—	1,350.00	—	—	—
Dog	1,000	45	33.43	788.02	60	44.16	823.07	65	47.19	709.04
RENT OF MUNICIPAL PROPERTIES—										
Markets	38,000	3,274	3,183.56	24,420.35	3,144	3,077.68	23,503.37	2,898	3,010.63	20,343.84
Town Hall	1,000	—	—	570.00	—	—	295.00	—	—	2,741.00
Firemen's Quarters	2,500	—	204.00	1,405.00	—	130.00	1,075.00	—	127.00	1,023.00
FROM PUBLIC COMPANIES—										
Gas Co., Ld.	6,000	—	460.89	3,865.96	—	499.35	3,918.44	—	470.47	3,197.34
Mutual Telephone Co., Ld.	3,000	—	—	3,000.00	—	—	—	—	—	—
Electric Construction Co., Ld.	15,000	—	—	7,688.53	—	—	3,696.30	—	—	—
Total Tls.	2,469,700		261,133.84	1,856,458.08		266,195.60	1,578,478.58		169,866.59	1,304,427.09

A. JOHNSFORD,
Overseer of Taxes.

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MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION.

No. 1985.

LOAN of 1901.

NOTICE is hereby given that the following debentures of the above loan will be paid on presentation, properly endorsed by the registered owner, at the Municipal Offices on and after December 31, 1909, and interest will cease from that date.

Debentures of Tls. 1,000.

8085-90	8157	8219-20
8093-7	8159-60	8222-30
8101-2	8163	8232-3
8104-6	8166	8237
8109	8168	8241
8112-7	8172-3	8243-5
8119	8175-8	8247-51
8121-3	8180-2	8254-5
8125	8186-9	8259
8127	8191	8261-2
8129-35	8193-5	8264-6
8139-41	8197-204	8271
8148-51	8206-8	8275-7
8153	8212-5	
8155	8217	

Debentures of Tls. 100.

8257	8298	8322-9
8279	8303	8332-3
8285	8305	8335
8287-8	8308	8338-41
8290-1	8312	8344
8293	8314-6	8348-50
8295-6	8318-20	

By order,

W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

Council Room,
Shanghai, September 22, 1909.

MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION.

No. 1986.

MOTOR CAR LICENCES.
DRIVERS' CERTIFICATES.

NOTICE is hereby given that a new form of Certificate for Native Drivers has been approved and will be taken into use from this date. The present form will remain operative until October 15, after which date it will become obsolete.

From October 15 a Provisional Permit will also be necessary for native drivers learning to drive. Such permits will be issued in respect of a specified car, and upon the written application of the licensee.

The particular attention of car owners is drawn to the rules governing the issue of certificates and permits as printed thereon, also to Condition No. 6 of their licences.

Application for Provisional Permits, for the examination of drivers, and for Drivers' Certificates, should be made to the Assistant Superintendent of Police (Chinese), Central Police Station, Foochow Road.

By order,

W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

Council Room,
Shanghai, September 30, 1909.

MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION.

No. 1987.

Translation.]

CONVICTS' FOOD.

THE Council is prepared to receive tenders for the supply and delivery at all Police Stations and the Gaol of food for convicts during two months from October 31 to December 31, in the following quantities monthly:—

Vegetables	3,200 lb.
Onions	1,500 ,,
Salt-fish	550 ,,
Beef	570 ,,
Pork	570 ,,
Salt	350 ,,
Bean oil	260 ,,
Tea	50 ,,
Rice	230 pcls.
Wheat	35 ,,
Flat Beans	24 ,,
Red ,,	16 ,,

Tenders in English or Chinese will be received by the undersigned not later than 4 o'clock p.m. on October 25, 1909, and should be marked "Tender for Convicts' Food."

The Council does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender, or to pay any expenses which the contractor may incur in tendering. The contractor whose tender is eventually accepted may be required to give satisfactory security for the due performance of the contract.

By order,

W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

Council Room,
Shanghai, October 14, 1909.

AT the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, October 6, 1909, at 4.30 p.m., there are present:

Messrs. D. Landale (*Chairman*)
F. C. Heffer
W. D. Little
H. A. J. Macray
O. Meuser
J. Prentice
T. E. Trueman
The Secretary and
Assistant Secretary.

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

The minutes of the last meeting are read, confirmed, signed by the Chairman and passed for publication.

Volunteers.

Ambulance Section.—A letter from the Commandant suggests the abolition of the Ambulance Section, and the substitution of a medical staff of officers, assisted by non-commissioned officers and men of each unit, trained in First Aid duties. The Council endorses these recommendations.

Special Parade.—It is decided to communicate to the Corps, through the Commandant, the Council's satisfaction at the Parade on the occasion of the review by Field Marshal Lord Kitchener of Khartoum on October 5. The large attendance of members of the corps of all nationalities is considered a feature of the Parade calling for special appreciation.

Police.

Officers.—A Police Report is read in respect to the arrangements for the visit of 2nd Assistant Superintendent Martin to Nanking for the purpose of Chinese study. The proposals therein contained are approved.

Foreign Branch.—The resignation of Sergeant J. Smith who has served ten years in the Force is accepted with effect from September 30, 1910 on expiry of his agreement. The nine months' leave due to him from October 12, 1909 is extended to the termination of his agreement, and having attained the age of fifty years, payment of the full amount standing to his credit in the Superannuation Fund is authorized.

Sikh Branch.—Warder No. 10 Kair Singh is discharged invalided with effect from October 1.

A suggestion by the Captain-Superintendent for preventing fraudulent conversion of passage money by repatriated Sikhs is considered, and arrangements are authorized with the Council's Indian Agents, Messrs. King King & Co., Bombay for payment at destination of the equivalent of the cost of passage

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to any Sikh presenting a certificate signed by the Captain-Superintendent after proper identification by means of photographs.

Training of Constables.—A scheme is submitted in outline for training foreign recruits at the Western Depôt in substitution for the present arrangement, whereby they are distributed among the various stations for instruction. Teaching is thereunder provided for 18 men at a time during three months, and until passing an examination to include simple English subjects, knowledge of the Land Regulations and Bye-laws, Police duties and extensive local knowledge of all kinds. For this purpose the appointment of one Sub-Inspector, and one Sergeant with the present drill instruction staff numbering three men, is authorized, and the proposals generally are approved.

Police Districts.—A Police Report is read recommending the division of the existing Bubbling Well Police District by placing the area north of Connaught Road under the control of the Western Depôt naming it the Gordon Road Police District. After inspection of a plan illustrating the change, it is approved as recommended, and since the control will consist chiefly of mounted patrols, it is directed that provision be made in the Budget for 1910, for the erection of six stalls on Cadastral Lot 3661. The necessary cell accommodation will also be provided, prisoners being in the meantime housed at the nearest convenient station.

Gaol Reformatory.—A report by the Captain-Superintendent states that in view of the resignation of the native in charge of instruction of convict boys, an offer has been made by the Rev. Mr. Rydberg to carry on the work without payment. It is understood that his teaching will be of a general character and acceptance of Mr. Rydberg's offer is accordingly approved.

Salt.

A letter from the Fu Hsin Salt Company is read, indicating that its objects have been defeated by the public announcement in this matter published with the minutes of the meeting of April 21. The Council remains unwilling to restrict the free sale of salt as requested, and it is the Health Officer's opinion that there is nothing detrimental to health in native salt. This letter, with reply as directed, is ordered for publication:—

Shanghai, September 24, 1909.

Sir,—With reference to the proclamation of the Chekiang authorities regarding the handing of the salt monopoly to an official bureau and your counter-proclamation, there is a gross misunderstanding of the real object and we now have the honour to lay before you our explanation and beg to put our proposal to the Council for their consideration.

The salt are manufactured by the poor class of people near the sea-side, the Chinese Government issue certain certificates to merchants upon the guarantee of paying the legal taxes, whereupon the salt is allowed to be transported to the different ports for retail, in fact the taxes are all duly paid by such merchants and no other taxes or likin could be collected.

The salt used in the Settlement are totally in the hands of vagabonds, bandits and the worse class of people and the Government always have trouble with them and treat them as criminals, they take their salt from the manufacturers by force, as they are always found in gangs and even possessing fire-arms, they have their head-quarters in Pootung, bring their salt in dirty bags, retailing it in the streets of the Settlement, expose to the dust and all kinds of impurities, dangerous to health both foreigners and Chinese alike, as the Chinese cooks under the foreign employ when not strictly forbidden used Chinese salt instead of foreign-imported salt, and moreover, such salt are brought into the Settlement undercovered in the bottom of all kinds of boats and when clear of their salt in most cases stolen things are carried away in their return.

Now whereas we beg to propose that the Council forbid the retailing of salt in the streets, which will actually stop the unwanted class of people from coming into the Settlement. And the Council do appoint a health officer to make inspections of the shops kept open for the sale of salt by the bureau and we agree to abide whatever regulations the Council may think fit to impose for the cleanness and purity of the salt, in consideration of which we are prepared to pay any reasonable expenses that the Council may have thus incur and we do bind ourselves not to collect any taxes or likin on the salt sold in the Settlement limits. We shall thank the Council for an early attention and early reply.

W have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,
Li Wei-chuang,
Manager,
The Fu Hsin Head Depôt.

D. Landale, Esq.,
Chairman, Municipal Council.

Council Room,
Shanghai, October 7, 1909.

Sir,—I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of September 24, with reference to the objects of your Company, requesting the Council to prevent the retail sale of salt in the Settlement except through your own depôts and shops and to arrange for inspection by the Health Officer of the salt sold.

In reply, I am directed to point out in the first place that the Chekiang Governor's proclamation, by which your undertaking was established, left no room for misunderstanding as to your object which has from the outset been the establishment of an official monopoly in the Settlement.

In the opinion of the Health Officer there is no reason from a sanitary standpoint for health inspection of the native salt which you sell, and such supervision would have the sole effect of strengthening the organization of the monopoly at which you have aimed.

I am therefore directed to inform you that your request cannot be granted, and that the Police have instructions to sustain the efforts which have hitherto been made to prevent any interference with the unrestricted traffic in salt throughout the Settlement.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
W. E. Leveson,
Secretary.

Li Wei-chuang, Esq.,
Manager, The Fu Hsin Company.

Trust Funds.

From a statement by the Accountant it appears that the uninvested balance of Trust Funds amounts to about Tls. 140,000, and, after some discussion, it is decided to invest Tls. 28,000 in 6 per cent debentures of the Shanghai Waterworks Co. Ld., at 103, in accordance with a broker's quotations.

Road Extensions and Widenings.

Peking Road.—The following correspondence records particulars as to the scheduled portion of Cadastral Lot 302, the compensation for which will be referred for settlement to the Land Commission.

Shanghai, June 7, 1909.

Sir,—We have carefully considered the question of this surrender, and we enclose a plan showing how our property will be affected by the proposed surrender for the Peking Road widening.

The outstanding feature of this change is that the reduced area leaves insufficient space for kitchen accommodation to our houses, once they are set back to the new alignment.

The basis of surrender must, therefore, be the loss in rent arising from lack of kitchen accommodation, say $4 per moon, per shop = $20 per moon, at 12⅓ moons, $246.66, at Ex. 74 = Tls. 182.53
Less 25% for expenses = 45 63

Tls. 136.90

Tls. 136.90, capitalized at 6 per cent per annum = Tls. 2,281.67

In addition, we claim the cost of reconstruction, together with the loss of rent during such reconstruction; and as the shops are now fully occupied, all loss of rent until such a time as the shops are again fully occupied.

In conclusion, we have to allude to the position of the point at which the new alignment changes direction, which you will note occurs more or less in the centre of a shop. We must request that this point be changed, so that it would come in the line of party wall, east or west of its position on plan.

Yours truly,
David Sassoon & Co., Ld.,
D. M. Nissim,
Manager.

W. E. Leveson, Esq.,
Secretary, Municipal Council.

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Council Room,
Shanghai, July 19, 1909.

GENTLEMEN,—With reference to your letter of June 7, on the subject of the widening of the Peking Road ex Cadastral Lot 302, I am directed to draw your attention to the minute on this subject which was published in the Municipal Gazette of June 4, and of which I enclose a copy. Therein is set out the Council's policy in respect to claims from owners of registered property adjoining the Peking Road.

With regard to the lot at present in question I am to state that the basis upon which you claim compensation is not considered to be a wholly satisfactory one under the circumstances, inasmuch as it would appear preferable to take into consideration the benefit to be derived by the lot from the conversion of the road into a principal thoroughfare, rather than to estimate loss of rentals for which there should be no great apprehension.

The Council observes that the rentals of the houses upon the adjoining lot, No. 303, where the widening has already been effected, are considerably higher than those of the houses upon lot 302; in view of which fact it cannot be admitted that the widening will prove to be to the detriment of the property.

I am therefore to make a counter-offer for the Mow 0.075 involved based upon the assessed value of the property, plus 10 per cent, and less one-third for betterment, or a total sum of Tls. 1,100 to which will be added reasonable reinstatement charges together with loss of rent during rebuilding. For these latter items I am to request that you will be good enough to submit a claim.

In reply to the final paragraph of the letter, there is no objection to altering the angle of the road so as to bring it within one of the party-walls.

The concluding paragraph of the minute above mentioned contains an appeal for co-operation on the part of all landowners and agents concerned, and the Council is confident that in the present case no more direct appeal to your good offices is required.

I am, Gentlemen,
Your obedient servant,
W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

Messrs. DAVID SASSOON & Co., LD.

Shanghai, July 30, 1909.

SIR,—We duly received your letter of the 19th instant dealing with the compensation due us for the widening of the Peking Road ex Cad. Lot 302, and the matter has had our close attention.

We may tell you at the outset that we differ from the contention expressed that the widening of the Peking Road will convert it into a principal thoroughfare; and furthermore we are strongly of opinion that the enlarged roadway will not enhance our rentals, nor improve our property.

For this locality is so essentially Chinese, with a trade of a purely native character, that no benefit can accrue from the proposed widening, more especially in the present case, when you consider the small depth available from our lot.

At present it is roughly 108 feet deep from the Peking Road to the Soochow Creek. It is now proposed to shorten this depth to 99 feet, with the prospect, at no distant date, of carrying through the Soochow Road extension, thereby still further reducing the depth to 80 feet.

These reductions will greatly hamper the housing accommodation on these lots, and in the circumstances the Council is not justified in anticipating any benefit to the property, either from the widening of the Peking Road, or from the extension of the Soochow Road.

Indeed the Council is misinformed in stating that the rentals of the houses on Cadastral Lot 303 are considerably higher than those of the houses on Lot 302, as the reverse is the case.

But even were they as stated, the question is not one for comparison with adjoining lots. The real point at issue is how much rental we could obtain from houses built to the present limits, as compared with rentals on the reduced area. We estimate this loss, from lack of kitchen accommodation, at $4 per house, and we see no reason to depart from that estimate. The question of betterment certainly does not arise.

With regard to the minute you enclosed us, and in reply to the concluding paragraph of your letter, we need hardly say that we are willing to co-operate with the Council whenever possible, but in the present instance such co-operation is so distinctly injurious to the owner's interests, that we have no hesitation in declining to accept the counter-offer submitted us.

Yours truly,
DAVID SASSOON & Co., LD.,
D. M. NISSIM,
Manager.

W. E. LEVESON, Esq.,
Secretary, Municipal Council.

Council Room,
Shanghai, September 29, 1909.

GENTLEMEN,—I am directed to refer to your letter of July 30, in continuation of correspondence relative to the widening of the Peking Road ex Cadastral Lot 302, and, in reply thereto, to state that as the difference between the amount of your claim and the counter-offer contained in my letter of July 19 is so great as to hold out no prospect of settlement by other means, the Council would prefer to leave the matter in the hands of the Land Commission.

Plans will accordingly be prepared for your approval and notice of the next sitting of the Commissioners conveyed to you in due course.

Meanwhile the Council has agreed to defray the cost of reinstatement and loss of rental during the duration of the work, and will be obliged if you will consent to the setting back of the houses without delay. For this purpose the contractor's estimate should be forwarded for the Council's approval.

I am, Gentlemen,
Your obedient servant,
W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

Messrs. DAVID SASSOON & Co., LD.

Shanghai, October 11, 1909.

SIR,—We have to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 8th instant on the subject of widening the Peking Road ex Cad. Lot No. 302 and note from it that the Council would prefer to leave the settlement of the question of compensation to the Land Commission

To this course we have no objection provided that the point—raised in our letter of June 7—is also submitted to it, viz., that as the houses are at present all occupied the Council should pay us rental until they are again fully occupied in addition to rental during the time occupied by reconstruction.

We will obtain an estimate of the cost of reconstruction and forward it to you together with our estimate of the loss of rent during such reconstruction, and if you approve of same the work of setting back the houses could be commenced as soon as we are able to evict the tenants.

We are, Dear Sir,
Yours faithfully,
DAVID SASSOON & Co., LD.,
D. M. NISSIM,
Manager.

W. E. LEVESON, Esq.,
Secretary, Municipal Council.

With reference to the minute in regard to Cadastral Lot 454B, published in the Gazette of August 12, the sale of the six native houses on the lot as old building materials is authorized for the sum of Tls. 170. Purchaser Van Sung. The work of demolition will be proceeded with immediately whereafter the widening of the road will be effected.

Dalny and Wayside Roads.—Acceptance is authorized of an offer by Messrs. Racine, Ackermann & Co. to surrender, without compensation, the two strips of land scheduled from Cadastral Lot 2277, measuring Mow 0.387 and Mow 0.43 respectively, for inclusion within these roads, in return for the sale by the Council of the piece of surplus land, Cadastral Lot 2272, at the corner of the property. The purchase price of the latter is fixed at Tls. 845, being the amount paid for the lot in May 1908, with interest thereon to date at the rate of six per cent per annum.

Dalny and Yulin Roads and Surplus Land.—Negotiations are completed for the sale to Messrs. Hanson, McNeill & Jones for the sum of Tls. 5,091 of Cadastral Lots 2694 and 2695 aggregating Mow 2.344, held as Surplus Land, being the sum paid for the land in 1908 with interest added at 6 per cent per annum and including payment for half the width of the road. The purchase at the same rate is authorized of a small portion of Cadastral Lot 2696 adjoining, measuring Mow 0.140 for Tls. 304 and it is noted that the balance of the scheduled portion of this lot is subject to free surrender.

Fire Brigade.

A note from the Chief Engineer is read, recommending the permanent employment of Mr. Lent, recently acting as Departmental Engineer during the

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absence of Mr. Parkhill on leave. It was his intention to ask for a second engineer in the estimates for 1910, in view of the increased mechanical plant of the Brigade. Mr. Lent's engagement on the usual terms of service is approved

Tenders.

That of Messrs A. R. Burkill & Sons is accepted for the supply of 270 sheets of galvanised and corrugated iron roofing for the new building at the Electricity Works. Price Tls. 7.50 per picul.

Other tenderers are—

Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ld. ...Tls. 7.50 per picul
Andersen, Meyer & Co. „ 7.80 „ „

The meeting adjourns at 5.45 p.m.

Notification of Infectious Disease.

The following have been reported during the week ending Sunday, Oct. 10, 1909.	Death among Chinese population of 550,000	Cases notified among Non-Chinese population of 15,000
Small-pox.	0	0
Cholera.	0	0
Typhoid Fever.	—	1
Diphtheria.	0	0
Scarlet Fever.	0	0
Tuberculosis.	17	1
Plague.	0	0
Total Deaths from all Causes.	205	5

ARTHUR STANLEY,
Health Officer.

Public Band.

The performances during next week will (weather permitting) be as follows:

Mon.	18,	5.00 p.m.	Public Garden
Tues.	19,	5.00 „	Hongkew Recreation Ground
Wed.	20,	5.00 „	Public Garden
Thurs.	21,	5.00 „	Public Garden
Fri.	22,	5.00 „	Hongkew Recreation Ground
Sat.	23,	4.30 „	Hongkew Recreation Ground

Engineer's Report for September.

With the completion of the Carpenters' and Blacksmiths' Shops in Thorne Road, there is now an adequate Depôt for carrying out all repairs to carts, in addition to the ordinary departmental work.

Arrangements have been made for proceeding with the laying, etc., of the Chang Pang culvert from October 1. As the cooler weather should have set in by then, the damming up of the creek, necessary for the carrying out of the work, should cause but little inconvenience to surrounding residents.

The district bounded by Jessfield Road, Soochow Creek and the Settlement boundary, comprising 3,130 mow, has been surveyed in detail and plotted.

Public Lighting.—Twenty-three metallic filament lamps have been erected in the Central District east of Honan Road, on temporary wooden poles, pending the arrival of steel poles from England.

Metallic filament lamps have also been erected in the following roads:—

Wetmore Road	1 lamp
Lay Road	4 „
Tongshan Road	4 „
Chusan Road	2 „
Macgregor Road	3 „
Ward Road	1 „

Gas lamps have been erected in the following places:—

Chapoo Road	2 lamps
East Yuhang Road	1 „
East Hanbury Road	3 „
Hwakee Road	1 „
Kungping Road	2 „
Various alleyways in Northern District	10 „

Works in Progress.—Battery Room, Godown, etc, at Electricity Works, Fearon Road Sinza new Fire Station, Avenue Road. Inquest Room at Isolation Hospital, Range Road. Great Western Road laying 4-ft. 6-in. diameter concrete culvert. Concrete bunding along the Soochow Creek, east of Fokien Road. Repairing and painting P. & O. Pontoon and Jetty. Replacing Foochow pole railing by standard iron railing in Medhurst Road. Road widening at south-west corner of Nanking Road and Chekiang Road Replacing macadam by chip-paving in Chekiang Road north of Peking Road. Replacing chip-paved margins in Sinza Road by macadam. Laying 3-ft. diam. sewer in Kaifeng Road and Jehol Road. Laying 1-ft. 6-in. by 1-ft. sewer in Alabaster Road. Reinforced concrete bridge carrying Chaoufoong Road across the Singkepang. Reinforced concrete wall around Concretware Yard. Raising Dalny Road north of Baikal Road. Mudfilling on south side of Yangtszepoo Road.

The steelwork for the Sinza Fire Station was delivered by the Vulcan Ironworks Limited, within six weeks of the date of order, the time specified being ten weeks.

Works Finally Completed.—Western Police Depôt, Gordon Road New Foreign Training Depôt, Stores and Quarters. Native Police Hospital adjoining Victoria Nursing Home. Inspector's Quarters and Indian Quarters, Wayside Police Station. Repairs to Royal Asiatic Society's Premises, Museum Road. Making up Soochow Road east and west of North Chekiang Road Bridge. Constructing wooden bunding along Brenan Road adjoining the Soochow Creek. Reinforced concrete jetty in North Soochow Road east of North Chekiang Road Bridge. Carpenters' Shop, Offices and Smithy in Thorne Road for the North-Eastern Division. Raising Dalny Road south of Baikal Road.

Plans Completed.—General plan for reconstruction of Yang King Pang Bridge at the Bund, and of Seward Road Bridge over the Hongkew Creek. Reinforced concrete bridge to replace existing wooden bridge in Yates Road. Section of East Yalu Road. Details for Concrete manholes.

Cleansing.—Fifty-six cartloads of garbage, 3,291 cartloads of road detritus, and 2,369 cartloads of gully deposit were collected during the month.

Quarry.—4,399 tons of road materials have been been received during the month from the Quarry. 835 tons were dispatched from the Quarry for account of the French Council during August; the September returns have not yet come to hand.

Concreteware.—The following concreteware has been made at the Range Road Depôt during the month:—

Hand made 1,576 pieces.

New Buildings.—Summary of work done during the month:—

Description of Work.

	Total
Buildings under construction ...	154
Plans submitted for approval ...	37
Plans approved	36
Inspections by Inspectors	1245
Permits for Carpenters' Sheds, etc	3
„ Boundary Walls ...	1
„ Repairs to Buildings...	86
„ New Shop Fronts ...	18
„ Painting	140
„ Alterations	25
„ Erecting Fences ...	9
„ Erecting Signboards...	205
„ Erecting Drying Stages	1
„ Sunshades	14
Dangerous Building Notices served	16
Summonses...	0
Encroachments reported & rectified	0

Dangerous Structures.

Notices as to dangerous structures received from the public... ...	0
Notice from other Departments...	1
Dangerous structures reported by P.W.D.	15
First Intimation Notices issued...	16
Second „ „ „ ...	0

Survey Work.

Official measurements of new land lots attended	13
Cadastral certificates issued... ...	36
Consular lots surveyed	16
Surveys made in connexion with road widenings and/or extensions.	24
Lots examined to ascertain whether they included roads or waterways which are or may in the future be of use to the public ...	31

M.C.R. Stones have been erected as follows:—

Western District	10 stones
Central „	2 „
Northern „	4 „
Eastern „	0 „
Outside Limits	8 „
Total	24 „

Labour.—The average number of labourers employed during the month, exclusive of contract work, has been 2,083 as compared with 2,092 during September, 1908.

CHAS. H. GODFREY,
Acting Engineer & Surveyor.

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MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION.

No. 1985.

LOAN of 1901.

NOTICE is hereby given that the following debentures of the above loan will be paid on presentation, properly endorsed by the registered owner, at the Municipal Offices on and after December 31, 1909, and interest will cease from that date.

Debentures of Tls. 1,000.

8085-90	8157	8219-20
8093-7	8159-60	8222-30
8101-2	8163	8232-3
8104-6	8166	8237
8109	8168	8241
8112-7	8172-3	8243-5
8119	8175-8	8247-51
8121-3	8180-2	8254-5
8125	8186-9	8259
8127	8191	8261-2
8129-35	8193-5	8264-6
8139-41	8197-204	8271
8148-51	8206-8	8275-7
8153	8212-5	
8155	8217	

Debentures of Tls. 100.

8257	8298	8322-9
8279	8303	8332-3
8285	8305	8335
8287-8	8308	8338-41
8290-1	8312	8344
8293	8314-6	8348-50
8295-6	8318-20	

By order,

W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

Council Room,
Shanghai, September 22, 1909.

MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION.

No. 1986.

MOTOR CAR LICENCES.
DRIVERS' CERTIFICATES.

NOTICE is hereby given that a new form of Certificate for Native Drivers has been approved and will be taken into use from this date. The present form will remain operative until October 15, after which date it will become obsolete.

From October 15 a Provisional Permit will also be necessary for native drivers learning to drive. Such permits will be issued in respect of a specified car, and upon the written application of the licensee.

The particular attention of car owners is drawn to the rules governing the issue of certificates and permits as printed thereon, also to Condition No. 6 of their licences.

Application for Provisional Permits, for the examination of drivers, and for Drivers' Certificates, should be made to the Assistant Superintendent of Police (Chinese), Central Police Station, Foochow Road.

By order,

W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

Council Room,
Shanghai, September 30, 1909.

MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION.

No. 1987.

Translation.]

CONVICTS' FOOD.

THE Council is prepared to receive tenders for the supply and delivery at all Police Stations and the Gaol of food for convicts during two months from October 31 to December 31, in the following quantities monthly:—

Vegetables	3,200 lb.
Onions	1,500 ,,
Salt-fish	550 ,,
Beef	570 ,,
Pork	570 ,,
Salt	350 ,,
Bean oil	260 ,,
Tea	50 ,,
Rice	230 pcls.
Wheat	35 ,,
Flat Beans	24 ,,
Red ,,	16 ,,

Tenders in English or Chinese will be received by the undersigned not later than 4 o'clock p.m. on October 25, 1909, and should be marked "Tender for Convicts' Food."

The Council does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender, or to pay any expenses which the contractor may incur in tendering. The contractor whose tender is eventually accepted may be required to give satisfactory security for the due performance of the contract.

By order,

W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

Council Room,
Shanghai, October 14, 1909.

MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION.

No. 1988.

PUBLIC SCHOOL.

EVENING CLASSES.

LECTURES and instruction will be given in the following subjects, provided sufficient students present themselves for the formation of classes :—

1. English, Elementary.
2. ,, Advanced.
3. Book-keeping and Office Routine, Elementary.
4. Book-keeping, Advanced.
5. Commercial Arithmetic.
6. Building Construction and Drawing.
7. Mechanical Engineering.
8. Machine Drawing and Design.
9. Physics, Elementary.
10. Algebra, Elementary.
11. Practical Mathematics.
12. Chemistry.
13. Botany.
14. Needlework.
15. Freehand and Model Drawing.
16. French Grammar and Conversation, Elementary.
17. German Grammar and Conversation, Elementary.
18. French Grammar and Conversation (Ladies' Class only).
19. German Grammar and Conversation (Ladies' Class only).
20. Swedish Drill (Ladies' Class only).

The detailed Syllabus and all other information as to lectures, time-table, etc., may be obtained from the Headmaster at the School, Chapoo Road.

Intending students are requested to send in their names before October 28.

A fee of $5 per mensem for one subject, and $3 per mensen for each additional subject, will be charged.

By order,

W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

Council Room,
Shanghai, October 21, 1909.

AT the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, October 13, 1909, at 4.30 p.m., there are present :

Messrs. D. Landale (*Chairman*)
F. C. Heffer
W. D. Little
H. A. J. Macray
O. Meuser
T. E. Trueman
The Secretary and
Assistant Secretary.

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

The minutes of the last meeting are read, confirmed, signed by the Chairman and passed for publication.

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Volunteers.

Artillery.—The resignation of Captain A. J. Stewart, on the grounds of ill-health and consequent impending departure from Shanghai, is received with regret, and recorded.

At the suggestion of the Commandant it is decided to cast Pony No. 10 on account of vicious tendencies and danger in handling.

Customs Company.—The resignation of 2nd Lieutenant J. de W. Jansen, owing to his transfer from Shanghai to Swatow, is received with regret, and recorded.

Medical Staff.—Upon the recommendation of the Commandant a commission as Lieutenant is authorized for issue to Dr. W. B. Billinghurst.

New Headquarters and Drill Hall.—A report by the Engineer is submitted, accompanied by plans showing three alternative projected buildings, respectively in the Hankow, Soochow, and Mohawk Roads. Copies of these documents will be forwarded to the Commandant for report, after consultation with the senior officers of the Corps.

Settlement Boundary.

Irregular Arrest.—The following correspondence has reference to the serious consequences liable to follow upon irregular action by native runners close to the Boundary:—

Council Room,
Shanghai, August 28, 1909.

SIR,—I have the honour to inform you that on August 22 at 9.30 a.m. certain runners from the City Magistrate's Yamên with others entered the Settlement, and, in the Markham Road, arrested a rice-dealer named Ng Ah-dau, who is also a tipao, and took him across the Soochow Creek to the native yamên in that locality.

The Police unfortunately were unaware of the incident in time to prevent the man's removal, and they have not been able to secure his return upon application at the yamên.

In drawing the attention of the Consular Body to this instance of the growing tendency to disregard the established rights of residents in the Foreign Settlement, I venture to express the hope that the Consular Boby will point out to the native authorities that when, as seems inevitable if this policy is continued, an incident such as the present gives rise to difficulties of a serious character in the neighbourhood of the Boundary, the responsibility therefore will rest entirely with them.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,
OTTO MEUSER,
Acting Chairman.

D. SIFFERT, Esq.,
Consul-General for Belgium,
and Senior Consul.

Shanghai, September 22, 1909.

SIR,—With reference to your letter of August 28 bringing to our notice a case of illegal arrest by native runners I have the honour to inform you that I am this day addressing the Taotai on the subject.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,
D. SIFFERT,
Consul-General for Belgium, and Senior Consul

D. LANDALE, Esq.,
Chairman, Municipal Council.

Victoria Nursing Home

Accounts.—A note by the Health Officer is read to the effect that a patient whose fees were guaranteed verbally on entry into the Home, has left Shanghai, and that his firm now disclaims liability. It is directed that the account be written off, while the fact that 1st-class treatment at the Home has been given to this man at the public cost is the subject of comment. To avoid such cases for the future, it is directed that a form of admission be adopted for use, containing an undertaking by a responsible firm or private person to pay the full fees incurred, in the event of non-payment by patients themselves.

Parks and Open Spaces.

Bubbling Well Carriage Turn.—The recommendation of the Parks Committee is submitted, that the open space at this point be re-laid out, at a cost of Tls. 375, for which work there is no appropriation in the Budget. Inas much as the present season an i no other is suitable for the transplanting work involved, the Council sanctions the excess.

Road Extensions and Widenings.

Peking Road.—The widening of the Peking Road ex Cadastral Lot 300 is authorized to be effected by acceptance of the terms contained in the following letter:—

Shanghai, August 18, 1909.

DEAR SIR,—In answer to your letter inquiring upon what terms we would surrender the strip Mow 0.018 required by the Municipal Council from Cad. Lot 300 Central for the purpose of widening Peking Road, we beg to inform you that we are willing to surrender the strip in question for the sum of Taels One thousand three hundred and eighteen (Tls. 1,318).

The details of our claim are as follows:—

	Tls.
Mow 0.018 at Tls. 20,000 per mow	360
Plus 10 per cent for compulsory surrender	36
	396
Less one-third for betterment	132
	264
Plus loss of rent during re-building	94
	358
Plus cost of re-building	960
	Tls. 1,318

We shall be glad to hear if this claim is accepted by the Council.

Yours faithfully,
SCOTT, CHRISTIE & JOHNSON.

C. H. GODFREY, Esq.,
Acting Municipal Engineer.

The following correspondence contains the terms of surrender of the strip required from Cadastral Lot 299A.:—

Shanghai, July 26, 1909.

DEAR SIR,—With reference to yo r letter of April 8, asking me on what terms I would be prepared to surrender the portion of B.C. Lot 2365 shown in red on the plan sent me and measuring Mow 0 058, I beg to say that the beneficial owner is most unwilling to set back the front of his houses as required as they have only been erected some eight years.

Furthermore I do not agree with you that the widening of the road will constitute a betterment to the property in question as owing to the peculiar shape of the lot any widening of the road at this point will reduce the depth of the houses to such an extent as to make at least one of them almost valueless as either a shop or residence unless entirely reconstructed.

The setting back of the frontage of the property as required by you will result in a loss of gross rental to the owner of $27 per month or $324 per annum at 74 Tls. 239 76
Less 25 per cent. 59 94
Tls. 179.82

Which sum capitalised at 7 per cent ..... Tls.	2,568.86
Cost of rebuilding the front of the houses ...	1,200.00
Loss of rent during re-building say 5 mos at $106 per mo $530 at 74	392.20
Tls.	4,161.06

and for this sum the owner is prepared to surrender the portion required.

I am, dear Sir,
Yours faithfully,
A. HIDE.

Council Room,
Shanghai, August 20, 1909.

SIR,—I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of July 26, addressed to the Municipal Engineer, on the subject of the widening of the Peking Road ex Cadastral Lot 299A.

In reply thereto I am to state that the Council does not regard the basis upon which your claim for compensation rests, viz., loss of rental, as a wholly

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satisfactory one, for the reason amongst others that the loss is necessarily hypothetical.

It is within the Council's knowledge that shops in the Peking Road from which frontage strips have been taken during the course of this year have been re-let with no actual loss of rental whatever, and it appears not improbable that in the present case the loss may be very inconsiderable. For this reason the assessed value per mow of the property, to which it is customary to add 10 per cent for compulsory surrender, seems a preferable basis upon which to work.

In regard to betterment I am directed to call your attention to the minute published in the Municipal Gazette on June 4, a copy of which I enclose, and to state that the Council is confident that no more direct appeal to your good offices is required than that which is contained therein.

I am, in conclusion, to submit for your consideration a counteroffer as follows: —

Mow 0.058 at Tls. 17,000 per mow	Tls.	986
Plus ten per cent		99
		1,085
Less one-third.....		362
		723
Three months loss of rental during rebuilding		210
Reinstatement		1,000
	Tls.	1.933

and I am to express the hope that, despite his original objection to the expropriation, the beneficial owner will assent thereto in the interests of the public as well as in his own.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

W. E. LEVESON,

Secretary.

A. HIDE, Esq.

Shanghai, September 23, 1909.

SIR,—I am in receipt of your letter of the 20th ultimo with reference to the setting back of the frontage of Cad. Lot 299A Peking Road.

I have submitted your offer of Tls. 1,933.00 compensation for the surrender of the strip required and cost of reinstatement, etc., to the beneficial owner of the property and regret to say that he does not see his way to accept this amount.

After sundry interviews with the Municipal Surveyor and yourself I have induced the owner of the property to agree to the setting back of the frontage on the following terms :—

1.—That the Council pays him the sum of Tls. 1,200 for reinstatement ;

2.—That the Council pays him $424 at 74 Tls. 313.76 for loss of rent for 4 months ;

3 —That on completion of the reinstatement of the property and the re-letting of the shops the value of the land surrendered be calculated on the loss of rental, if any, with a minimum surrender value of the amount stated in your letter under reply, viz., Tls. 723.

In the event of their being any loss in the rental value of the property the value of the land surrendered to be calculated as under—

Assuming the loss of gross rental to be, per annum.	Tls.	144
Deduct 25 per cent for expenses		36
Net loss of rental.....		108
Capitalised at 7 per cent		1,543
Add 10 per cent for compulsory surrender...		154
		1,697
Less one-third for betterment.....		566
	Tls.	1,131

In submitting the above proposal for your consideration I would ask you to bear in mind not only the somewhat awkward shape of the lot in question whereby the setting back of the frontage at this juncture subjects the owner to more than the usual amount of hardship, but also to the fact that the houses in question have only been erected some eight years.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

A. HIDE.

W. E. LEVESON, Esq.,
Secretary, Municipal Council.

Council Room.

Shanghai October 12, 1909.

SIR,—I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of September 23, on the subject of the widening of the Pekiog Road ex Cadastral Lot 299A.

In reply thereto, I am directed to state that the Council accepts the proposal contained in this letter, and will be glad if the reinstatement work may be put in hand with as little delay as possible.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

W. E. LEVESON,

Secretary.

A. HIDE, Esq.

The following letters relative to the widening of this road ex Cadastral Lot 453A are included herein for purposes of record :—

Shanghai, September 28, 1909.

DEAR SIR,—We are instructed by the beneficial owner of Cadastral Lot 453A to state that he would be prepared to surrender a portion of his property coloured red on the plan sent us by the Municipal Engineer for road widening on the Council paying for such land the sum of Tls. 5,948 06 which sum he says is made up as follows:—

Loss three months rent during rebuilding $180 =	Tls.	131.40
Loss of rental on account of reduced space for building $25 per moon—for twelve months and 1/3 moon Tls. 226 which at 6 per cent capitalizes ...		3,766.66
Cost of two removals and discomfort involved.....		250 00
Cost of rebuilding		1,400.00
	Tls.	5,548.06

Yours truly,

HANSON, MCNEILL & JONES.

W. E. LEVESON, Esq.,
Secretary, Municipal Council.

Council Room,

Shanghai, October 12, 1909.

GENTLEMEN,—In reply to your letter of September 28, containing your claim for compensation for the surrender of the strip of Cadastral Lot 453A which is scheduled for the widening of the Peking Road, I am directed to inform you that, upon consideration, the Council has decided to postpone the improvement in respect to this lot until rebuilding is undertaken.

The strip at its widest point measures not more than 3 feet 2 inches, and, so far as the Peking Road Widening Scheme is concerned, the projection will be into the foot-path only, and will not affect the 30-foot carriage-way between curbs.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

W. E. LEVESON,

Secretary.

Messrs. HANSON, MCNEILL & JONES.

Peking and Soochow Roads.—Negotiations have been concluded with Messrs. J. P. Bisset & Co. for the surrender, from Cadastral Lots 301 and 307, of the several areas of land scheduled for inclusion in the above roads, for the lump sum of Tls. 10,000 as follows :—

For the Soochow Rd.	Mow 0.259	ex Lot	301
„ „ Peking Rd.	„ 0.078	„ „	301
„ „ „ „	„ 0.174	„ „	307

While the surrender deeds will be signed and payment made forthwith, the initiation of the reinstatement work is postponed to January 1, 1910, in accordance with the request of the concerned.

Shanse Road—With reference to the correspondence under this heading, published in the Gazette of May 20, the following letters, which record the satisfactory termination of negotiations for the surrender of the strip of

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Cadastral lot 415 required for the widening of this road, are ordered for publication :—

Shanghai, October 2, 1909.

DEAR SIR,—Referring to our letter to Mr. Mayne of February 10 last and to your reply thereto of April 23, we are now authorized by the beneficial owner to modify his claim for compensation from the Council in regard to the surrender of Mow 0.068 of the above lot in the following manner:—

For price of the land at Tls. 25,000 per mow.....	1,700
Plus 10 per cent for compulsory surrender	170
	1,870
Less 20 per cent...	374
Tls.	1,496

Yours truly,

HANSON, MCNEILL & JONES.

W. E. LEVESON, Esq.,
Secretary, Municipal Council.

Council Room,
Shanghai, October 13, 1909.

GENTLEMEN,—I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of October 2 and to accept the offer therein contained to surrender the strip of Cadastral lot 415 scheduled for the widening of the Shanse Road, for the sum of Tls. 1,496.

This arrangement, which includes recognition of betterment to the extent of one-fifth, obviates reference of the case to the Land Commission as formerly proposed.

I am, Gentlemen,
Your obedient servant,
W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

Messrs. HANSON, MCNEILL & JONES.

Boone Road.—Payment for Mow 0.189 of unregistered land, opposite Cadastral Lot 298, is authorized at the rate fixed by the Taotai's proclamation, a total sum of $94.50. In accordance with customary procedure, the native surrender deed, with plan, has been forwarded to the Senior Consul for subsequent transmission to the native land office.

Electricity Department.

The minutes of the meeting of the Electricity Committee of Tuesday, October 5, are read and confirmed.

The following are ordered for publication :—

There were present :—
Messrs. E. C. Pearce (*Chairman*)
A. H. Collinson
G. Wuilleumier
The Electrical Engineer and Assistant Secretary.

On behalf of the members the Chairman extends a welcome to Mr. Collinson upon joining the Committee.

Accounts.—Those for the half-year ended June 30 are submitted together with a report by the Acting Accountant as to the procedure adopted with a view to equalising the amount periodically written off on account of bad debts. The Net Revenue account has been charged with the reserve for bad and doubtful debts calculated at one-eighth per cent, of the total sales of electricity for the six months, excluding the sales for traction purposes. This course receives the Committee's approval.

With reference to the figure Tls. 60,797 under the heading "Sundry Debtors," the Engineer states that this has now been considerably modified inasmuch as a sum of Tls. 1,800 only remains outstanding, a circumstance which the Committee regards as satisfactory. The Accountant's further recommendation is approved that the outstanding sum of the debts contracted during 1908 be left on the books until the end of the year when, if still found to be irrecoverable, they will be written off against the balance of Net Revenue Account at December 31, 1908.

Public Lighting.—With respect to the Electrical Engineer's suggestion that flame lamps be substituted for those at present existing in Broadway between the Garden Bridge and the Hongkew Creek, the attention of the Committee is drawn to the opinions expressed at the recent meetings of the Works Committee and the Council as to the comparative efficiency and cost of flame and arc lamps in England and Shanghai. The Engineer states that the arc lamps in use at home are of a different and more expensive make than those in Shanghai so that a comparison is hardly possible under the circumstances, but that he has frequently recorded the fact that the flame lamp is by far the cheapest form, the ultimate cost working out at less than half that of enclosed arcs. As regards the delicacy of construction and the consequent loss of efficiency, he is of opinion that this is not the case, but that if it were, the necessary steps would be taken by the Department to maintain the original standard of quality.

Monthly Report.—That for June, July and August is submitted and calls for no particular comment. It is authorized for publication as usual.

Indents Nos. 796, 798/810.—upon the London Agents, for plant of various kinds at a total cost of about £3,210 are submitted and, after careful scrutiny approved. Other local orders for 500 midget cut-outs, £115, and 100 high tension cut outs and certain arc lamp accessories, G$761 are also approved.

Public School.

The minutes of the meeting of the Public School Committee of October 11 are read and confirmed. There were present :—

Dr. R. S. Ivy (*Chairman*)
Messrs. D. E. J. Abraham
H. E. Campbell
H. De Gray
The Headmaster and Assistant Secretary.

Attendance.—The Headmaster submits a summary of the Attendance List for the new term, the total number of pupils on the books for the month of October being 370, made up as follows :—

	Boys.	Girls.
Upper School	129	115
Lower School	59	31
Kindergarten	21	15

The above figures show a small advance on those for the same month in 1908

Staff.—Correspondence on the subject of the continuance of Mr. Stewart's services is submitted, including a memorandum by the Municipal Surgeons, from which it is clear that this assistant master's health is not such as to warrant renewal of his agreement. His resignation is therefore accepted, and the Committee records its appreciation of his eight years' good work on the teaching staff.

Miss K. Binney, the Assistant Mistress selected by Mr. Addis in London, has arrived and entered upon her duties on October 3

With regard to the two vacancies for Assistant Masters now to be filled, it is recommended that application be made to the Rev. J. Went, Headmaster of the Grammar School at Leicester, of whom the Headmaster has personal knowledge, and whose special interest in the School it is thought will be of considerable value.

Evening Classes.—The Syllabus of Evening Classes for the ensuing winter is submitted and approved. It is noted that Hygiene, First Aid, and Home Nursing are omitted from the list of subjects in the opinion that they may be more successfully undertaken by the Health Department than as part of the School curriculum.

School Development.—An extensive Report by the Headmaster is submitted, summarizing the history of the School, and advocating certain changes in its administration. The report is considered to be a satisfactory and comprehensive document, and the recommendations therein contained are approved in general terms. It appears to the Committee that no further steps can be taken in the matter until the Council has accorded similar approval, and it is recommended that the document be published for general discussion. The Committee is convinced of the necessity for separating the Boys' Side from the Girls' Side and Kindergarten, and is of opinion that the present building should be retained for the latter, while in regard to the Boys' Side, it appears desirable to select a new site in the Northern District, preferably removed from the busy part of the Settlement. Reference is made to the number of children resident in the Western District, but the figures contained in the Report indicate the Northern as most generally suitable. If the scheme, so far as at present developed, meets with the Council's sanction, the Headmaster will be directed to prepare more detailed and specific proposals for the new establishment.

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Ratepayers' Meetings.

Rules of Procedure.—A memorandum by the Legal Adviser on the Report of the Special Committee appointed for the discussion of this subject is in members' hands, and will be considered in detail by the Finance Committee at an early date.

Chinese Study.

A report is submitted by the Board of three Examiners appointed at the beginning of the year as to the result of the second half-yearly examination, held in the early part of August.

The recommendations therein contained, with comments by the Heads of Departments are considered and endorsed, and it is noted that an investigation is about to be made of the existing system of teaching in the Police Force in order to provide as far as possible for individual instruction for each student.

The following statement, showing the number of employés in the Police and Health Departments who have qualified for bonus, is ordered for publication with the rules governing the issue:—

Police	2nd Standard	1st Standard	Per-centage
27 Inspectors and Sub-Insps.	13	1	52
82 Sergeants	35	17	63
112 Constables	1	5	5
Health Department			
4 Inspectors	3	1	100
16 Asst. ..	8	3	69

STUDY OF CHINESE.

For the encouragement of the study of the colloquial Chinese language in the Municipal Service, the following regulations are promulgated:—

1.—The Service of Chinese instructors are engaged by the Council, and classes of instruction are held under the general supervision of a Director of Studies, at whose hands all students will undergo monthly examinations in rotation.

2.—Employés availing themselves of this privilege are expected to pursue their studies diligently, and, in the event of non-attendance at the times appointed, due reason for the same must be explained to the Head of the Department concerned.

3.—Each instructor will keep an attendance record, and forward monthly a summary thereof for the information of the Council.

4.—Examinations are held half-yearly, at which all employés studying must attend, if required, and a report will be made to the Council by the Director of Studies as to their progress.

5.—There are two standards, and a bonus of Tls. 12 per mensem is paid to employés whose examination in each is considered satisfactory. Marks will also be awarded, based upon the monthly examinations.

6.—A year's study in both standards is necessary before a candidate presents himself for examination for bonus. This period may be reduced upon the recommendation of the Director of Studies.

7.—The First Standard includes (*a*) the first half of Dr. Pott's Lessons in the Shanghai Dialect; (*b*) the first five hundred of the phrases and sentences in the collection thereof compiled for the use of the Police Force; (*c*) general conversation, including pronunciation; (*d*) a writing examination consisting of translation from dictated Chinese into English.

The Second Standard includes the whole of Dr. Pott's Lessons in the Shanghai Dialect, and the completion of the above book of phrases and sentences.

8.—Employés who qualify for Second Standard bonus successively during three years are thereafter exempt from examination unless specially required by the Council to present themselves.

The meeting adjourns at 5.50 p.m.

Notification of Infectious Disease.

The following have been reported during the week ending Sunday, Oct. 17, 1909.	Death among Chinese population of 550,000	Cases notified among Non-Chinese population of 15,000
Small-pox.	0	0
Cholera.	0	0
Typhoid Fever.	—	0
Diphtheria.	0	0
Scarlet Fever.	0	0
Tuberculosis.	18	2
Plague.	0	0
Total Deaths from all Causes.	215	5

ARTHUR STANLEY,
Health Officer.

Public Band.

The performances during next week will (weather permitting) be as follows:

Mon.	25,	5.00 p.m.	Public Garden
Tues.	26,	5.00 „	Hongkew Recreation Ground
Wed.	27,	5.00 „	Public Garden
Thurs.	28,	5.00 „	Public Garden
Fri.	29,	5.00 „	Public Garden
Sat	30,	4.30 „	Hongkew Recreation Ground

Electrical Engineer's Report for June, July and August.

Generation.—The generating plant has been maintained in good condition and has been working well.

Both the 600 Kilowatt (Ferranti) engines have been thoroughly overhauled and should require but little repair work during the next twenty-four months. It is satisfactory to note that steam consumption tests show these engines to be now practically as economical as they were guaranteed six years ago.

The traction generators (Belliss & Morcom) engines are in excellent order and show little signs of wear. It is not considered expedient to thoroughly overhaul either of these engines until after the installation of the storage battery now in shipment.

No. 7 800 Kilowatt turbine (Willans & Robinson) has now been in commission for just a year. Practically nothing has been spent on repairs to the turbine. The only traceable wear is in the main bearings which show a drop of but ·001 inch.

The smaller engines are now being overhauled. By the middle of October all the engines which required overhauling will have been completed and the generating plant should be in first-class order to meet the heavy demands expected during the forthcoming winter.

DISTRIBUTION.

High-tension Feeders.

The following high-tension feeder extensions have been made:—

No. 9 — 6.160 yards of ·159 vul. cable
No. 7 — 2.643 .. .. ·124 .. ..
No. 5 — 3.520 .. .. ·094 .. ..
Total 3·5 miles.

Enlargements:—

No. 4 — 2.982 yards of ·094 vul. cable
1·69 miles

Low-tension Distributors.

The following extensions were made:—

Wetmore Road ...	347 yards	·022	bare cable
Hankow Road ...	178 „	·034	do.
Tongshan Road...	605 „	·034	do.
Tongshan Road	1,165 „	·022	do.
Fokien Road ...	140 „	·022	do.
Taku Road... ...	315 „	·034	do.
Connaught Road.	412 „	·060	do.
Connaught Road.	202 „	·034	do.
Hart Road	210 „	·022	do.
Sinza & Park Rds.	585 „	·034	do.
Haining Road	203 „	·060	do.
	249 „	·034	do.
Hannen Road ...	430 „	·022	do.
Gordon Road ...	152 „	·060	do.
	126 „	·034	do.
N. Kiangse Rd.	290 „	·058	do.
	155 „	·034	do.
Minghong Road .	588 „	·022	do.
Avenue Road	1,020 „	·094	do.
	455 „	·066	do.

Total 4·43 miles.

The following enlargements were made:—

	Yards.	Bare Cable.
Albany Road	368	·060
Kwangse Road	700	·060
Kashing Road	234	·058
H'kow-Shantung Rds.	186	·094
do.	490	·124
Peking Road	510	·094
do.	100	·060

Total ·34 mile

Public Lighting.—15 miles of No. 10 bare wire was erected for additional metallic filament lamp circuits.

80 additional 60 c.p. metallic filament street lamps were erected and switched on.

One additional arc lamp was connected.

Sub-Stations.—At the Kiangsu Acid Works a sub-station was fitted up with the usual apparatus and equipped with a 30 kilowatt transformer.

A pole transformer was erected in Yuenfong Road for supply of current to a new music hall.

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In Sinza Road near Seymour Road the old wooden transformer hut has been replaced with an iron-kiosk replete with high and low-tension switch fuse gear, automatic switch gear for cutting out main transformer and switching in small auxiliary during periods of small demand. The main transformer is of 75 kilowatt and the auxiliary 10 kilowatts.

An additional pole transformer was erected in North Thibet Road for supplying consumers in the immediate vicinity.

Poles.—211 new poles were planted and 55 renewed.

House Service.—35 house service connexions were made in June: 73 in July: and 41 in August.

Lamp Additions.—473 equivalent 30 watt lamps connected in June; 1,724 in July and 1,071 in August.

Motors.—There is an increase of 46 horse-power in motors connected. The aggregate horse-power is 653.12 and the number of motors 94 compared with 501 horse-power and 77 motors at the same time last year.

Oil.—The oil consumption was 72.5 gallons in June: 241 gallons in July and 80½ gallons in August.

The higher quantity in July is due to No. 4 Ferranti engine having its oil tanks re-filled with 130 gallons of new oil after its overhaul.

Water.—The quantity of town water used was June 745,000 gallons, July 1,280,000 gallons and August 603,000 gallons. The reduction in August results from the installation of the grease-extracting apparatus by means of which all the condensed steam from the engines is utilized over and over again. It is anticipated that a further reduction in the water bill will take place now that the grease extractor is in regular service.

Coal.—The coal per unit sold is being maintained at the low figures established last year and this in spite of a falling off in the demand for power by the Tramways. It will be noted with satisfaction that the supply of coal is maintained well up to contract quality.

COMPARATIVE TABLE.

	June		July		August	
	1908	1909	1908	1909	1908	1909
Total lamps connected	155,708	182,141	160,201	183,865	163,724	184,936
Motors h.p.	429.7	653.62	494.95	654 62	501.45	653.12
Units Generated	525,805	481 962	466,310	512 075	467,678	531,183
Units Sold	385,254	425,609	398,570	456,567	401,972	478,492
Private Lighting	153,446	192,493	176,873	206,240	108,255	223,839
Public Lighting	28,948	44,814	30,531	46,228	32,040	50,645
Power	15,287	19,580	13,917	33,831	15,623	30,139
Traction	168,387	148,938	161,493	146,053	153 793	145,503
Units at Works	19,186	19,784	15,756	24,215	20,261	28,366
Ratio	90.47	88.31	85.47	89.16	85.93	90.08
Coal per Unit Generated.	5.11	5.38	5.07	5.17	5.34	5.20
Coal per Unit Sold	5.65	6 09	5.93	5.80	6.21	5.78
Revenue Tls.	35,585	37,299	37,842	39,292	37,846	41,427
Expenditure ,,	27,491	35,657	30,461	35,245	30,978	35,781
Profit ,,	8,094	1,642	7,382	4,047	6,868	5,646
Total profit to date ,,	36,948	31,278	44,329	35,325	51,197	40,971

General.—There is an increase of 27 per cent in private units sold for the three months as compared with the same months last year. The units sold for power purposes are increasing. The traction units during this period, however, are lower by 10 per cent than last year. The reason for this is that the service is now smaller whilst also the motormen may possibly be driving more economically.

Private Plants.—It is understood that four and perhaps five existing private plants in the Central district will in the near future be discarding their generating plant in favour of taking their supply direct from the Council's mains. It has been proved that with the very low charges for electricity now in force far greater economy and satisfaction is obtained by using the public supply. Shanghai's largest hotel has reduced its costs of electricity for lighting and power, since it abandoned its own private plant, by nearly one-half. It is not often realized that under the existing tariff it is possible for some consumers to obtain their lighting at less than 9 cents per unit inclusive of all charges. The upkeep of private plants represents a large percentage of the running costs, and when to these are added interest and depreciation charges (which ought to be included) there is little chance of obtaining electricity at the meter at such low prices as the Electricity Department offers.

Financial. — For the purpose of showing clearly in the monthly report the true result of the department's working for comparison with the estimate for the whole year the interest, after ascertaining the actual figure for the first half-year and estimating the amount for the second half, has been apportioned equally over the remaining months of the year.

For this reason the result as shown by the monthly report at the end of June will not agree with the balance sheet. The latter shows a profit on working account of Tls. 33,080 but the true result to the end of June is only Tls. 31,278.

After allowing for sundry net revenue charges such as change-over expenses, which are not included in the ordinary working account, the profit is reduced to Tls. 24,932.

At the end of August the working account shows a profit of Tls. 40,971 but allowing for sundry net revenue charges this amount is reduced to Tls. 34,908.

The estimated profit for the year is Tls. 93,224 and the proportion for the period ending August is Tls 62,149 against which there is an actual profit of Tls. 34,908.

At first sight these figures may appear disappointing and seem to indicate that the estimated profit at the end of the year will not be reached. The latter months of the year are almost invariably more profit earning than the earlier and middle ones. The prospects of large sales of electricity during the remaining months are distinctly bright, and barring any serious breakdown to machinery the expenses should fall in proportion to the output. It is yet impossible to state definitely whether the effect of the metallic filament lamp is being felt: it is certainly not felt seriously. At the same time there are many long-hour consumers who have installed these lamps and reduced their lighting bills by over 50 per cent. If their example is followed by many the effect on the department's revenue must doubtless be felt. The eventual result, however, will be beneficial because metallic lamps will make electric lighting so cheap that the increased number of consumers will compensate for the reduced consumption of some of the existing larger ones. I am of opinion that the financial results at the end of the year will not fall far below the estimates. It is to be noted that the consumption of energy by the Tramway Co. has been steadily falling month by month since April, thus the expected revenue from that source is lower.

T. H. U. ALDRIDGE,

Electrical Engineer.

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Report of Captain-Superintendent of Police for September.

Strength of the Force on September 30. 1909.

Officers	8
Foreigners	219
Sikhs	514
Chinese	968
Clerical and Teaching Staff ...	44
Supernumeraries ...	93
Total ...	1,846

Crime.—Though the number of larcenies have been somewhat above the average the level of crime generally has been below normal. One of the two concerned in the Tiendong Road murder referred to last month, has been arrested, and the capture of a gang of bank-note forgers, with their machinery, has to be recorded.

Native Constabulary.—In the report for last month several instances were quoted showing that the behaviour of the Chinese Police surrounding the Settlement was becoming more and more antagonistic towards Municipal Authority. To these must be added a case which, occurring as it did, within the Settlement, exemplifies in a glaring manner the utter disregard, of those concerned, for constituted authority. I refer to the obstruction met with by the Police when endeavouring to effect the arrest under the authority of a Mixed Court warrant of a person charged with felony who had taken refuge at No. 11 Sinza Road, the residence of the official in charge of the Paoshan Constabulary. For four hours the Police were delayed by statements that the person wanted (who it should be added was until quite recently a member of the above constabulary) was not within, and it was only when the premises were surrounded and a search insisted upon that the man was arrested in the act of being smuggled out by the inmates. It is impossible to overestimate the gravity of this affair.

Fires.—The total number of fires during September was fourteen against fourteen in September 1908. Of these eleven were extinguished by the Police and inmates and three by the Brigade.

There were six prosecutions and three remanded cases before the Mixed Court and of these eight were successful.

CONVICT LABOUR RETURN.

	Tls.
Net value of work performed for the P.W.D.	791.80
Less sandals and repairs to carts	238.39
Total for Labour...	553.41
Work completed in addition to that for P.W.D. 2,584.51	
Less cost of raw material ...1,637.72	
Total for Labour...	946.79
Grand total for Labour...1,500.20	

Here follow tables of p rsons coming under the notice of the Police for criminal and other offences, punishments inflicted, prisoners in custody, vehicles licenses suspended and confiscated, dogs captured, etc., value of property stolen and recovered and warrants and summonses.

K. J. McEuen,
Acting Capt.-Supt. of Police.

Return of Persons coming under the notice of Police for Criminal and other Offences.

Offences.	Foreigners	Natives	Total
(*a*) OFFENCES AGAINST THE PERSON:—			
Murder		1	1
Manslaughter		6	6
Attempted suicide		6	6
Cutting and wounding		3	3
Assault	10	66	76
Rape (attempted)		2	2
Kidnapping		10	10
Cruelty to or trafficking in women or children		14	14
Libel		2	2
Perjury		1	1
Absentees	6		6
Breach of Consular Order	1		1
Breach of King's Regulations	1		1
(*b*) OFFENCES AGAINST RIGHTS OF PROPERTY:—			
Robbery		29	29
Embezzlement	1	9	10
Extortion		12	12
Burglary		7	7
Housebreaking		3	3
Obtaining goods or money by false pretences		10	10
Fraud		12	12
Receiving stolen property	1	9	10
Unlawful possession		23	23
Arson		6	6
Malicious injury		1	1
Larceny	2	234	236
Civil Offences:—			
Debt		21	21
Breach of Contract		6	6
Others		27	27
Criminal negligence (fires)		5	5
Trespass		2	2
Infringement of trade-marks		2	2
Unlawful disposing of property		4	4
(*c*) ACTS INJURIOUS TO THE PUBLIC:—		12	12
Common nuisances		1153	1153
Vagrancy		77	77
Returning after expulsion		24	24
Disorderly and improper conduct	9	205	214
Soliciting prostitution	4	13	17
Depositing garbage		65	65
Traffic:—Furious driving		9	9
Obstruction		1950	1950
Dangerous to peace & good order of the Settlement		10	10
Insanitary	1		1
Public gambling		32	32
Illegal arrest or detention		3	3
Insanitary premises		1	1
Loitering for the purpose of committing a felony		15	15
Cruelty to animals		8	8
Printing boycott pamphlets		2	2
Manufacturing coining machinery		4	4
Arms, unlawful carrying		1	1
Excessive storage of kerosene oil		1	1
Excessive storage of straw		7	7
Selling unfit aerated waters		2	2
Selling unsound fruit		5	5
Miscellaneous		24	24
Evading license:—			
Opium-shop		2	2
Wine-shop		1	1
Dog		21	21
Vegetable		3	3
Liquor	1		1
Breach of license condition:			
Billiard saloon		1	1
Dog	8	1	9
Laundry		7	7
Lodging-house		9	9
Opium-shop		14	14
Native Club		1	1
Native Theatre		1	1
Pawn-shop		7	7
Wine-shop		5	5
Tea-shop		10	10
Building		2	2
(*d*) NOT CHARGED:—			
Beggars, Hawkers, Ragpickers		2656	2656
Others	27	39	418
Total	72	7,276	7,348

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Return of Sentences, Decisions, etc.

Sentence.	Foreigners	Natives	Total
Imprisonment	3	407	410
Expulsion or deportation		4	4
Fined	14	370	384
Imprisonment and cangue		3	3
" " expulsion		52	52
" " fined		3	3
" cangue and expulsion		1	1
Cangue and Expulsion		2	2
Bail forfeited...		3,045	3,045
Remanded	1		1
Cautioned	7	28	35
Dismissed	4	66	70
Released on Security	2	73	75
Left to Court		36	36
Handed to parents or guardians		16	16
Sent to Reformatory		7	7
" Slave Girls' Refuge...		1	1
" Sinza Refuge		93	93
" Door of Hope		5	5
" Native Authorities		7	7
Sent to St. Luke's Hospital...		1	1
Detained at Mixed Court		3	3
Settled out of Court...		2	2
Sword confiscated		1	1
To carry out the order of the Court		2	2
Transferred to Consular Court		1	1
Sent to H.M.'s Court, Canton	1		1
Imprisonment and fined and to be put on board ship	6		6
Left to Japanese Consulate...	1		1
Sent on board ship for trial	3		3
Taken in charge by Consular Authorities ...	1		1
Committed for trial	2		2
Total ...	45	4,229	4,274

Prisoners in Custody on September 30.

Central Station	39
Louza Station	41
Hongkew Station	43
West Hongkew Station	33
Harbin Road Sub-Station	9
Wayside Station	30
Gaol	791
Yangtszepoo Station	10
Sinza Station	28
Bubbling Well Station	14
Total	1,038

Value of Property Stolen between August 28 and September 24.

	Dollars
Stolen	19,784.40
Recovered	10,107.80

Warrants and Summonses.

	Issued	Executed or Served
Warrants	64	31
Summonses	217	204

Vehicle Licenses.

	Suspended	Confiscated
Ricsha	1,323	2,153
Wheelbarrow	20	nil
Handcart	1	nil
Total	1,344	2,153

Dogs.

At Kennels Aug.31,09	14	163
Captured	149	
Returned	21	163
Killed	129	
Remaining at Kennels	13	

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A Short History of the Shanghai Public School.

It may be said that the true history of the education of the foreign children in Shanghai began with the movement inaugurated by the Masonic body in 1885, whereby was founded the Shanghai Masonic School Fund. The object of the fund was to provide for the free tuition and maintenance of the children of deceased or indigent freemasons. The Council of the Fund had in its constitution a School Council, comprising president, vice-president and eight other members, including an honorary secretary. The contributors to the fund were classified as vice-patrons, vice-presidents, life governors—which included the various lodges as represented by delegates therefrom—life subscribers and subscribers. A General Court of Masonic contributors was to be held once in each year to receive the Council's report and to elect a president and brethren to serve on the Council for the ensuing year.

An annual subscriber was one who gave not less than five taels. An individual donor of twenty-five taels in one sum became a life subscriber. A life governor was an individual donor of fifty taels, or, in the case of a lodge, chapter or other Masonic body, a donor of one hundred taels. A donation of one hundred and fifty taels by an individual, or of five hundred by a Masonic body constituted the donor a vice-president. A vice-patron was an individual donor of five hundred taels, or in the case of a Masonic body, a donor of one thousand taels. Votes were allotted according to subscriptions. In the year 1887 there were four vice-presidents, 13 life governors, 23 life subscribers, and 8 subscribers, representing donations to the amount of just over Tls. 3,000.

The school was established in 1886, in accordance with the scheme agreed to by all the Masonic bodies. By the following year the Council was able to report that it was self-supporting, an arrangement having been entered into with the Headmaster and Lady Principal, subject to the approval of the Court of Contributors, by which the expenditure in future should not exceed the income. The main points of the arrangement were that the Headmaster and Lady Principal should receive the gross earnings of the school and defray all expenses, from September 5, 1887, and take all responsibility for loss. Any surplus, after the paying of the salaries of the Headmaster and the Lady Principal, was to be divided between them and the fund. One Masonic orphan was to be boarded and lodged, and two others were to be educated, free of charge, and children recommended by Masonic bodies were to be taken on such terms as the circumstances of the cases should seem to demand.

A prospectus of the school was issued in 1889, under the title of "The Shanghai Public School, under the auspices of the Masonic Fraternity." There were then on the staff, Mr. George Lanning, Headmaster; a Matron and three Assistant Mistresses. The subjects of instruction were the ordinary English subjects, with mathematics, science, drawing, languages, music, calisthenics, drill, and Chinese. A limited number of boarders were received though the school was, in the main, a day school.

The Scale of Fees was as follows :—

Boarders	Tls. 20	per month
Day Scholars (over 10)	„ 6	„
„ „ (under 10)	„ 5	„
„ „ („ 7)	„ 3	„
Tiffin for Day Scholars.	„ 2	„
Music	„ 3	„
Boarders for Summer Hol.	„ 10	„

In the succeeding years the number of pupils grew steadily, though there had to be frequent appeals to the community for funds. In 1894 there were 111 children under instruction—56 boys and 55 girls—of whom 54 were boarders. The fees received in 1895 amounted to $7,112.90, as against $5,683.73 in the previous year; the expense of the Home amounted to $9,605.80. Subscriptions reached $835.12. The remainder of the income was made up of, Municipal grant, Tls. 1,500, and interest on Endowment Fund.

The Report for 1895 states that in this year a new building fund was started with the object of adding to the school buildings, and by December 31 the sum of $11,961.55 had been subscribed, including a donation of Tls. 4,000 from the Marchese Thomas Hanbury. The work was begun in October, 1896, and by the following year a new wing had been added to the school. On the boys' side were the Headmaster, one Assistant Master, and one Assistant Mistress. On the girls' side were the Lady Superintendent and three Assistant Mistresses. The working account showed a credit balance of $377.19. The Municipal grant was now Tls. 1,500.

As a result of negotiations in June, 1893, between the school authorities and the Municipal Council, the latter assumed all responsibility. By the agreement thus made the Masonic Fraternity, in return for their outlay and their property in the School, were granted the right in perpetuity of nominating four free scholars to be appointed by the Council of the Masonic Charity Fund.

The School thus became the property of the Shanghai Municipal Council, subject to the following rules passed at the ratepayers' meeting held on February 28, 1893 :—

1.—The school shall be called "The Shanghai Public School."

2.—It shall (when considered practicable) be converted into a day school only.

3.—All matters in connexion with the school shall be placed in the hands of an educational committee consisting of five ratepayers, three to form a quorum, who shall be appointed by the Shanghai Municipal Council, and who shall continue in office for three years. Vacancies to be filled up by the committee, but at least one member of the committee to be also a member of the Council.

4.—The committee shall make all leases and agreements necessary for the working of the school; they shall engage and dismiss teachers and assistants, and fix the scale of school fees, with power to make alterations from time to time as may seem desirable. They shall also present an annual report in January of each year to the Shanghai Municipal Council.

5.—A chairman and secretary shall be appointed from the committee, the latter of whom shall conduct all correspondence of the committee under the instructions of the chairman.

6.—The committee or any authorized section thereof shall visit the school at any time, and regulate such matters as they deem desirable.

7.—All salaries shall be fixed, and financial arrangements conducted by the committee, excepting such as they decide to delegate to the Headmaster, who shall render a monthly account to the secretary.

8.—The Headmaster shall draw up the rules for working the school under the approval of the committee.

9.—The school shall be open to all classes of children, the committee reserving the right to refuse admission or to expel any children whose presence might be or is considered by them detrimental to the school, under the advice of the Headmaster.

10.—The Headmaster shall be the means of communication between the committee and the staff of the school, unless any member of the staff should feel aggrieved, when a right of appeal shall be granted to the committee by letter only.

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11.—Minutes shall be kept of all meetings of committee.

The same year saw the commencement of the steps for the transfer of the school from its old premises in Peking Road to its present situation in Hongkew. In the early part of the year named negotiations were entered into, by the committee and the owners of the school property, with a view to obtaining a renewal of the lease, but it was found impossible to come to terms. As a result of considerable deliberation it was decided to ask the ratepayers for Tls. 45,000 for the purchase of a site suitable for the buildings of a school which was growing, and in which the need for more commodious quarters, and the desirability of isolating different departments, were becoming pressing. The children attending the school in 1893 were: foreign division, 117; native, 25. At about this time, the attendance of the native division had greatly fallen off, and this section of the school was, in 1904, abandoned none but European children being admitted after this date.

At the annual meeting of ratepayers of February 27, 1894, the following resolution was passed: "That the Municipal Council be, and are hereby, empowered to issue debentures to an amount not exceeding Tls. 45,000 for the purchase of the site and buildings now occupied by the Public School, or, failing that, of such other suitable site as may be obtainable." A site (9.864 mow) was at once acquired, and on April 5, 1895, the new buildings were formally opened.

In 1894 the attendance had risen to 177, and the staff had been increased to Headmaster, Matron, one Assistant Master, four Assistant Mistresses, four Junior Assistant Mistresses and a Chinese teacher. The development of the school had been such that the educational committee, in their report to the Municipal Council, expressed the hope that before long they might be able to open a separate division, to be termed the Collegiate or High School. In 1895 the average attendance was 184. In consequence of a letter put forward by the committee to the effect that only children of Europeans could be received as pupils of the school, the following resolution was brought before the ratepayers' meeting of 1897. "That the following rule: "That the Shanghai Public School shall be open to all classes of children as formerly, and that no child shall be refused admission, or expelled, except for his or her own personal misconduct or offensiveness; provided always that there is room in the school, and that the fees are duly paid," be substituted for Rule 8 of the prospectus of the school, which reads as follows:—

"The school shall be open to all classes of children, the committee reserving the right to refuse admission or to expell any children whose presence might be or is considered detrimental by them to the school, under the advice of the Headmaster." "

Subsequently the following amendment was proposed:—

"That the Eurasian children now at the Shanghai Public School be allowed to remain as scholars at the school, and that Eurasian children shall continue to be admitted to the school."

A long discussion took place, the result being that the amendment was carried by a considerable majority.

In 1897 the fees were raised to—

First child of a family		$8.00
Second child	,,	5.00
Third child	,,	3.00
All others	,,	1.00
Kindergarten:—		
First child	,,	$4.00
All others	,,	1.00

The school continued to grow during the next few years, and at the close of 1901 the total of pupils had reached 250. In this year the fees were again raised to $9, $6, $4, for the first, second and third children respectively, and $2 each for all others.

The year 1903 was one of great importance in the life of the school. Several steps were taken, all of which tended greatly to promote the efficiency of the school. In the first place the members of the staff were permitted to have their agreements drawn up in new form, in harmony with the plan upon which Municipal employees in other departments were engaged. The school henceforth was definitely a Municipal institution, and the members of the staff Municipal employees. This was a step of some importance, as, formerly, teachers had been in the somewhat anomalous position of being restricted by certain Municipal regulations while not being allowed to participate in the privileges of Municipal service. The collection of fees, payments, etc., were now placed in the hands of the Municipal accountant, the head master being relieved of a great deal of clerical work by this arrangement.

The matter of the curriculum had been engaging the attention of the committee for some time, and the conclusion was arrived at that there was room for improvement in several departments. It was decided, therefore, to introduce a new syllabus of work based on the Cambridge Local Examination system, with such modifications and emendations as would render it a suitable standard for local requirements, and that in doing so, the existing syllabus should be carefully consulted. A certain amount of prejudice had to be met at first, arising largely from a confusion of the terms "Cambridge Local Examination" and "University Education." It soon came to be realized, however, that the range of subjects presented by the syllabus was so wide that it was possible to select from them all those which could be considered necessary in a sound modern commercial education.

The matter of biblical instruction in the School next occupied the attention of the committee. Previous to 1903 the teaching of the School had been secular only; the committee now addressed a letter to the Municipal Council in which they stated their desire for the approval by the ratepayers of the introduction of religious knowledge as a part of the school curriculum. A resolution: "That the introduction of Bible teaching at the school on the lines laid down in the letter addressed to the Council by the chairman of the Public School committee under date of January 18, 1904, be approved," was accepted by the ratepayers in 1904, practically with unanimity. The conditions under which the Bible was to be taught were as follows:—Hours: from 9 to 9.15 daily. Exemption: children, provided with letters from parents or guardians expressing conscientious objections, to be formed into classes for ordinary school work. Teaching: to be religious, but no denominational dogma or creed to be taught.

The staff in 1904 comprised: Principal, Vice-Principal, two Assistant Masters, eight Assistant Mistresses, two Junior Assistant Mistresses and a Chinese Teacher.

In October 1907, Mr. A. S. Wilson, who was at that time Honorary Secretary to the Committee, pointed out that the growth of the school had so increased and the calls upon the Committee's time had so multiplied that the post of Secretary should be filled by a person who had more time and greater facilities at his disposal for doing the work, and the Council accordingly sanctioned arrangements whereby the secretarial duties of the Committee were transferred to the Municipal Secretariat. As a result of this arrangement, and in accordance with a unanimous resolution passed by the School Committee, the procedure for the administration of the school was brought into line with that obtaining in respect to other Municipal sub-committees. The minute of the School Committee on this subject, published in the "North-China Daily News" of October 24, 1907 is as follows:—

"The consideration of the future "course of procedure for Committee "meetings is resumed. The most "convenient solution of the question "appears to be that the Committee "regard itself as upon the same basis "as other sub-committees of the Council, "that its minutes be read to the Council "and upon confirmation be acted upon "without further delay. On the other "hand the rules of the School as "originally passed by the Ratepayers "constitute the Committee an inde-"pendent body connected with the "Council only in respect to finance. "The increase in the establishment, the "development and better organization "of recent years, the arrangement "under which the school staff is incor-"porated exclusively in the Municipal "service, the necessity for close touch "between the management of the School "and the Municipal executive, have to "some extent imperceptibly brought "about a change in status.

"The Chairman recounts at some "length the steps by which the develop-"ment of the School administration "since 1893 has rendered the code of "rules then adopted to some extent "obsolete. The growth of the semi-"private school of that date into the

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"present establishment of 400 pupils "and a staff of 16 teachers calls in his "opinion for certain organic changes, "and he has been led to the view that "efficiency of control may best be "achieved by the proposed new "procedure.

"It appears that the change con- "templated while formally curtailing "the Committee's responsibility will "leave its powers materially unchanged "and as a result of further discussion a "unanimous resolution is passed favour- "able to the amendment of the School "rules accordingly."

"With the Committee's approval the "change, so far as it affects the con- "firmation of the minutes by the "Council and the publication of ex- "tracts therefrom for general informa- "tion, will be brought into force "forthwith and the Chairman under- "takes to examine the rules more "exactly with a view to preparing the "necessary formal confirmatory resolu- "tion to be presented for adoption by "the ratepayers."

In acordance with this decision the following Resolution was proposed at the annual meeting of ratepayers held in March 1908, and was carried unanimously :—

"*Resolution VIII.*—That the Council "be hereby authorized to amend the "rules relating to the Public School "which received the Ratepayers' sanc- "tion in 1893 in conformity with the "minutes of the School Committee "published in the 'North-China Daily "News' of October 24, 1907."

SCALE OF FEES (1909).

Upper School, each child, $12 per month
Lower School, „ „ 8 „ „
Kindergarten, „ „ 5 „ „

For a family of two children a reduction of 20 per cent, and for one of three or more children a reduction of 33⅓ per cent will be made.

Extra Subjects :—

Piano, each child $5 per month.
Shorthand ..... 2 „ „
Chinese ..... 1 „ „

The school fees include cost of stationery.

Table showing Municipal Grants-in-aid for the past 15 years :—

1893	Tls. 4000
1894	do.
1895	do.
1896	do.
1897	do.
1898	do.
1899	do.
1900	do.
1901	10,000
1902	10,000
1903	6,000
1904	13,000
1905	9,000
1907	14,000
1908	14,500

Report on the Shanghai Public School.

WITH SOME SUGGESTIONS WITH REGARD TO A GENERAL SCHEME OF FUTURE DEVELOPMENT.

It is perhaps well that in a report of this nature some little attention should first of all be given to the past; a brief summary of the more important points in the history of the School has therefore been drawn up and forms a preface to this Report.

With the gradual growth of the community it has become necessary, from time to time, to take steps to meet changing conditions, and it would appear that we have now reached a point where a step much greater than any taken before, is demanded.

In this Report the questions to be answered are—

(1) What are the educational needs of Shanghai now, and what are they likely to be in the future?

(2) Can the Shanghai Public School play its due part in meeting these needs?

If not, (3) what steps should be taken to ensure the development of the School along lines such that in the future it may be able to fulfil all that is demanded of it?

One point which has to be borne in mind during a consideration of the educational requirements of Shanghai is that, whereas at home due regard is paid to the fact that the universities and the professions are now within reach of almost all, in Shanghai the possibility of a boy or girl proceeding to the University, or becoming a qualified professional man or woman—except in rare cases—is at present so remote as to be negligible.

EFFECT OF CHANGES IN SOCIAL CONDITIONS.

We have to-day in Shanghai no longer a few well-to-do parents, with a limited number of the middle class; the educational outlook has changed considerably during the past few years.

The foreign population of the Settlement has grown, and a large part of this growth has been in the "middle class." Industrial undertakings, conducted more and more nearly along European lines, have increased in number, and many more foreigners, drawn from the upper ranks of the working-classes in Europe—chiefly Great Britain—have been added to the Shanghai "middle class."

In the improving conditions of life there is a growing inducement to residents to regard Shanghai as their home and to bring up their children here. Indeed it is probably during the last few years only, that the increase in the population among the Europeans has been to any appreciable extent, due to any rise in the birth-rate.

We may say then that we have now, the richer people, who still prefer to send their children home as was the case in the past; the poorer Portuguese and Eurasian class whose requirements are still met by the Thomas Hanbury School, St. Francis Xavier's and others; and, most important as a factor of increasing importance, the rapidly growing middle class comprising the comparatively well-to-do and what would be described at home as the lower middle class.

What a Shanghai parent has a right to expect is that his sons shall, here in the land of their birth, be given a fair chance of showing that they in their turn are willing and able to undertake their share of the work begun by their fathers. On these boys will devolve in time the obligations and responsibilities of citizenship, and the future of Shanghai will depend, in a vital degree, on whether they have been properly trained to meet them.

That Shanghai boys have the necessary inherent capability cannot be doubted. For their school training it is our duty to provide.

THE ACTION OF LOCAL BUSINESS HOUSES AND ITS BEARING ON EDUCATION.

Beyond this, the Schoolmaster can only express the hope that the heads of business firms and other employers will realize more and more that they too are not without their obligations; that the boy who was born and bred in Shanghai, whose home influence and whose parents are here with him, and who, with his knowledge and experience of local conditions combines the recognized home standard of school education, may prove to be even a better investment than his imported brother.

A great and increasing number of parents now find themselves entirely dependent, for the education of their children, on local institutions.

It is, therefore, reassuring to find a growing tendency, on the part of heads of business houses, to look to Shanghai for their assistants.

It is becoming less and less uncommon for a firm to take in a boy born and educated in Shanghai, and to give him the same opportunities of learning business and of rising in it as would be offered to a boy entering a house at home.

This action on the part of local firms may well be said to be, by this time, past the experimental stage, and I think there will be very few cases found in which a boy, recommended from the Public School as having passed through the course there, has failed to justify the confidence placed in him.

PUBLIC SCHOOL CURRICULUM AND STANDARD OF EDUCATION AIMED AT.

Reference to the school syllabus of work will reveal that the work of the school is practically identical with that of a good school of a similar standing in a community at home, except that some very slight modifications are permitted, to meet certain essentially local requirements. Here, as in England, a boy or girl is prepared for the Cambridge Local Examinations. The Preliminary is taken by a pupil in his thirteenth or fourteenth year, the Junior in his fifteenth or sixteenth year, and, after that, one or two years' work should enable him to pass the Senior stage.

The Senior certificate is now universally accepted as evidence that the holder has completed his school education.

It can be seen, then, that the average boy or girl who has followed the school course in Shanghai, may fairly claim to be at least the equal in attainments of a boy or girl who has been through an ordinary English school.

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It is not to the purpose here to enter on a long discussion of the merits of examinations themselves, we are concerned now with the standard of work in Shanghai, as compared with that at home and in its relation to local requirements.

To stamp a boy as incapable because he failed to pass a certain examination is, for many reasons, obviously unfair, but there can be no doubt that the amount of good to be derived from striving to reach the required standard is very great indeed; in many cases more than could be gained by any other means.

The curriculum in force at the Public School has been drawn up with due regard to experience gained from the past, and to the requirements of the future so far as they can be gauged.

It is, I think, almost as good as we can hope to have, with our present accommodation; but with improved conditions there are one or two things which ought to be added to it. Among these are systematic physical exercise, not as now, when all is done in the open, dependent on fine weather; and instruction for upper form girls in cooking and matters relating to food, to the kitchen, and to the care of children.

The vital importance to the community of all matters relating to health renders it, in my opinion, obligatory on the Municipal Council to see that, in the Public School, any girl may receive such training as shall fit her to undertake the duties of mistress of a household, when her time comes, with a full sense of her responsibilities and with powers trained to meet them.

BUILDINGS.

A very important factor in the problem of the development of the school is the matter of the school buildings.

To almost every improvement or extension that suggests itself the present school accommodation will be found to present insurmountable difficulty.

Foremost among the important points which require early attention is the matter of

Class Room Accommodation.—There are at present nine rooms which are intended for use as class-rooms. These rooms, with the forms occupying them, are given below:

Kindergarten	31 b.&g.	Kg.	Room	(41ft.by24ft.)
Lower School				
Lower	30 b. & g.	Div.	1	Lower School Room 51ft. by 28ft.
Middle	30 ,, ,,		2	
Upper	30 ,, ,,		3	
Form I	b. & g. 47	,,	C	R'm.(41ft.by34ft.)
,, II	,, 41	,,	D	,, (41ft.by24ft.)
,, III	boys 42	boys	B	,, (30ft.by24ft.)
,, III	girls 40	girls	E	,, (41ft.by24ft.)
,, IV	boys 21	boys	A	,, (30ft.by24ft.)
,, IV	girls 20	girls	G	,, (24ft.by22ft.)
,, V	,, 25	,,	F	,, (30ft.by24ft.)

There are two more large rooms. One of them is the Art room (30-ft. by 24-ft.) furnished for art and shorthand students only and used for this work in the afternoon. It is quite impossible to use this satisfactorily as a class-room.

The other room is the Lecture room. (41-ft. by 24-ft.), a class-room originally, converted since the School was built into a lecture room. In this room the desks are fixed to a hollow wooden structure rising in tiers from the front of the room to the back. The acoustic properties of the room are so bad, on account of this drum-like structure, that it ought never to be used as a class-room.

At present, however, we are compelled to use it as such for Forms V, VI boys.

The other rooms in the building were not built as class-rooms. They are very small and are used for the following purposes:—

H.	Headmaster's room	(24-ft. by 15-ft.)
Li.	Library & Waiting room	(24-ft. by 15-ft.)
M.	Music room	(21-ft. by 14-ft.)
Cl.	Mistresses' cloak room	(14-ft. by 14-ft.)
Lab.	Chemical and physical laboratory, formed by putting a roof over a small yard	(26-ft. by 19-ft.)
X.	Stock room	(14-ft. by 7-ft.)
Y.	Very small room used for botanical work	(24-ft. by 10-ft.)

It will be seen then, from a general view, that every class-room in the school and one other room, rendered, by its properties, quite unsuitable for use as a class-room, are fully and continuously occupied.

This, in itself, is a matter of great inconvenience, as a school should always have one or two extra class-rooms where work may be taken in emergencies, or in cases where it is necessary to subdivide forms for special work.

There are given below details of the general conditions prevailing in the class-rooms throughout the school The number of children given, though perhaps not accurate at any given time, may be taken as approximately correct.

In the *Kindergarten* there are thirty children (between four and six years old) under one Mistress and a Student Mistress. In this department twenty is the highest number of children which can be properly allowed to one room, but during the coming term it will probably happen that we shall receive applications for the admission of many more. It will be necessary then to refuse to take new pupils, or to promote children to higher forms before such promotion is justified by their progress, or to allow such overcrowding as cannot fail to re-act injuriously on both mistresses and children.

With two rooms available as many as thirty-five or even more children could be taught by the same two Mistresses, as the senior Mistress could then divide the class into two parts. In one room such division is impossible on account of the peculiar nature of Kindergarten work

The *Lower School Room* is a large room which was added to the main building a few years ago. This room was designed and built so that it can be divided by two movable partitions into three parts, each of which accommodates one division of the Lower School. It was added to the main building at what was judged to be the most convenient place, the object at the time being to obtain a room large enough to hold all the Lower School pupils.

Unfortunately, on this account, some important points did not receive quite so much consideration as they deserved.

For one thing, the light is directly behind the children instead of at the side. This is a serious matter, particularly in the case of such young pupils, and it cannot be easily remedied.

The room is open only to the North and to the East, so that, when the partitions are drawn, two of the rooms thus formed are closed in except for the East windows. During warm weather the rooms become almost unbearably hot and close: on Monday, September 6, a temperature of 93° F. was recorded in the Lower School, and on the following day the temperature for the greater part of the day never fell below 90°. The room has a low iron roof and is exposed to the full force of the sun almost all the time the children are at school, and there is no ventilation apart from what is obtained through the door and windows.

In this department there are usually about 100 children altogether, that is, more than thirty to each of the three divisions. It is to this department and to the Kindergarten that a large proportion of the new children are admitted, and it invariably happens that towards the end of the year the Lower School, like the Kindergarten, becomes overcrowded.

In the past the Lower School has been regarded as one whole where one trained Mistress has had the help of two untrained assistants in teaching a large class.

Actually there are now three classes, almost as distinct in their way, as three forms in the Upper School.

In *C* room there are more than 40 boys and girls of Form I under one mistress. At times there have been as many as fifty children in this form.

In floor space the room is large enough to accommodate the number now present, but when it is pointed out that the greatest number of children which should be under the care of one teacher is 30, it is easy to realize how greatly the presence of 10 or, as sometimes is the case, 15, more is bound to militate against efficiency.

The effect on the Master or Mistress of the constant strain of teaching more than 40 children, when to deal conscientiously with 30 would fully tax one person's powers, may be very serious.

In Form II exactly the same conditions prevail as in Form I. There are 40 children in *D* room under the care of one mistress.

In this form again, boys and girls are mixed, but the boys in this room are between 10 and 12 years of age and the task of keeping good order and maintaining proper discipline is more difficult than in Form I.

Above Form II, boys and girls no longer work together. From Form II the boys are moved to Form III (boys) and the girls to Form III (girls.)

Here again the same degree of overcrowding is found. There are 40 boys in Form III (boys,) under one Master and occupying *B* room, 30-ft. by 20-ft., a room too small for so many children, apart from the question of work.

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E room is occupied by 40 girls, constituting Form III (girls,) under a Mistress. The chief point calling for comment here is that the work of teaching is rendered very difficult and tiring by the size of the room (41-ft. by 21-ft.)

The strain of teaching for several hours every day in such a large room is a very severe tax on a Mistress's strength.

Form IV (boys)—25 boys under a master and Form IV (girls)—of about the same number of girls, occupy *A* and *G* rooms respectively. G room is a room which was shortened by 8-ft. when the Lower School room was added to the building.

It is very small and is unfortunately situated, in that all its windows face North and look into the Lower School and Kindergarten lavatory. There is a space of only a few feet between the windows and the lavatory, and, in addition to this, the class-room is some few feet higher than the lavatory and looks directly down on it.

There is no other special fault to be found in these two cases.

Forms V, VI (boys,) 25-30 boys under a master, are in the *Lecture Room* and have been dealt with above. Forms V, VI (girls,) 25-30 girls under a Mistress in *F* room are satisfactorily placed.

The reason why there are so few pupils in the Fourth and Fifth forms compared with the Third is that a large body of children enter the lower part of the school—below Form IV—and are drafted to the lower forms, whereas members of an upper form are almost all pupils who have come up from the forms below.

Forms V, and VI work in the same room, Form VI being usually composed of one or two pupils reading for the Cambridge Senior.

The numbers in Forms V and VI vary somewhat during the year, as it is from these forms that many pupils leave school for business.

INADEQUACY OF EXISTING ACCOMMODATION.

Enough has been said regarding the relation between class-rooms and classes to show that the present congested state of the school is strongly opposed to real efficiency. It is true that there is space enough in the School to accommodate even a greater number of pupils than are at present attending it, but unfortunately we cannot allocate a batch of children to a room having regard only to the capacity of that room.

Points of primary importance are, that pupils must be classified according to their attainments and that no teacher must be placed in charge of a class containing more children than he can successfully deal with.

The seriousness of this matter of class-room accommodation lies in the fact that whereas the class-rooms of Forms I, II, III boys and III girls are each greatly overcrowded and the Kindergarten and the Lower School may almost be said to be within measurable distance of the same state, yet there are no rooms which can be utilized for relieving the pressure nor is there any hope that the difficulty would be met by erecting partitions in or by adapting, in other ways, the existing class-rooms.

The largest class-room is 40-ft. by 24-ft. By dividing this area into two parts we should have two rooms of 20-ft. by 24-ft. each—quite unsuitable dimensions for an ordinary school class-room.

Further, the rooms were not built with this object in view. Such rooms as would be obtained by this means would be open to grave objections based on consideration of light, ventilation, and other properties.

At the best measures of this kind are little better than makeshift.

It becomes obvious then that the only satisfactory way of meeting the difficulty is by providing more class-rooms.

This brings us to the question of what would be required, in the way of additions to the School, to bring the building up to modern requirements.

Here it is necessary to draw attention to certain important points concerning matters other than class-room accommodation.

In the first place, the School, well though it may have served its purpose in the past, is really little more than a collection of class-rooms. The building as it stands to-day is not the outcome of any definite scheme of development. The original block has been added to from time to time to meet circumstances that have arisen, but these additions have not been effected as parts of a well considered scheme the fulfilment of which would leave us with a harmonious and efficient whole.

REQUIREMENTS OF A MODERN SCHOOL.

The requirements of a modern school embrace much more than would seem to have been foreseen when the present school was built; there are certain things which are now regarded as indispensable.

Among these may be mentioned—

(1) Good, sufficient and properly situated lavatories for pupils and for staff.

(2) Ample and convenient cloak-room accommodation, combining comfort with safety. This applies also to both pupils and staff.

(3) An assembly hall.

(4) Such arrangement of the building as will permit of the very young children being isolated from the older children.

(5) The use of such material and the exercise of such care in constructing the building as shall minimise all noise and disturbance and confine it, as far as possible, to its source.

(6) Desks and other furniture constructed with due regard to modern requirements and to the size of the children who will use them.

(7) A covered playground where, in wet weather, the children may assemble before school; it should be connected with the school by a covered passage.

In addition to these, and of no less importance are healthy and cheerful surroundings.

LAVATORY ACCOMMODATION.

The school has three lavatories; one for the Boys' branch, one for the Girls' and one for the Lower School and Kindergarten departments.

The two mentioned first are in direct corridor communication with the main school, all three being, practically, parts of one building.

In fact the only way of keeping the school free from smell at certain times of the year is by closing the communicating doors, and as these doors form two of the main entrances to the school from the playgrounds, the arrangement is strongly to be condemned.

The Kindergarten and Lower School lavatory has already been alluded to.

The members of the staff have only two small ill-equipped lavatories, one on each side of the school, to reach each of which it is necessary to pass through a children's lavatory. The Masters' and the Mistresses' lavatories are, in fact, no more than parts of the main lavatories partitioned off, and are barely private.

The only satisfactory place for a school lavatory is in a separate building and one well removed from the main building.

CLOAK-ROOM ACCOMMODATION.

The school is sadly defective in cloak-room accommodation and very much inconvenience and disturbance may be traced to this fact.

Children hang their hats and coats in the only available place—the main corridor which runs through the whole length of the school.

Here there are several rows of numbered pegs and the children of the different classes have their numbers allotted to them. In this way disputes as to ownership are obviated but no amount of care can prevent the confusion which arises when more than 300 children are using the same corridor as a cloak-room. Further, on wet days, there is, actually, not room for the waterproofs, umbrellas and hats, which children bring, while pupils who wear goloshes and those who wish to change from wet things to dry, can do so only in great discomfort and some danger.

As has been stated, these pegs are in the main corridor, and articles hung on them run some risk of being stolen, in spite of care being exercised to ensure their safety.

In the building of a school at the present time, the matter of cloak-room accommodation is one which receives very careful consideration.

ASSEMBLY HALL.

The lack of a large hall is constantly felt at the school. The occasions on which such a room is required are many. Several times during the year examinations on a large scale are held; at such times it is highly inconvenient to have to place the candidates in several isolated class-rooms.

There are numerous times also when it is necessary that the whole school or a large part of it should assemble in one room, for lectures, preparation, singing, or the hearing of important announcements.

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The physical exercises practised in a school are, in the absence of a gymnasium, largely dependent on such a room.

At present our exercising is done almost entirely in the open, hence the amount accomplished is limited and irregular owing to the nature of the climate.

In the recreative part of the school lives of pupils the large hall plays a very important part. It is in demand for meetings, debates, concerts, rehearsals, as a place of congregation during leisure time in bad weather, for exhibitions and displays, and for many other purposes.

SEPARATION OF KINDERGARTEN.

The conditions now prevailing, under which the departments of the Kindergarten, Lower School, and the Boys' and Girls' branches of the Upper School, are grouped closely together under one roof are perhaps the worst that could obtain.

The Kindergarten children, whose ages are between 4 and 6 years, and the Lower School children, whose ages are between 6 and 9, should be accommodated in one separate building: instead of this, their rooms are in the main block, opening on to the main corridor, and the children, many of them little more than babies, are unavoidably thrown into contact with the senior children in their games, and at times of assembly and departure. This state of affairs is entirely opposed to the real idea of preparatory training.

The proper isolation, and the best administration, of the affairs of the Kindergarten and of the Lower School are consummations to which the present form of the school building is entirely opposed.

FAULTS IN CONSTRUCTION OF BUILDING.

From the plan it will be seen that the school consists of, roughly, two rows of class-rooms arranged with one row on each side of a long corridor.

In every case, except that of one division of the Lower School, the only proper means of ingress and exit is a door opening directly into the corridor.

Now the floor of the building throughout is of boards, raised some two or three feet above the ground, the intervening space between the boards and the ground being empty.

The result of these conditions is that the disturbance consequent on a form changing from one room to another, or on the dismissal and return of the younger children, whose hours of work and recreation do not, of course, coincide with those of the Upper School, is communicated to at least half the rooms in the school.

In the class-rooms themselves the work of teaching is rendered much more arduous on account of the fact that the sound of every movement of the feet within the room, and even of a person walking along the corridor, seems to be magnified to a distressing degree.

It should be borne in mind here that at present the cloak-room accommodation of the whole school is situated in the main corridor.

It is generally held now that the suitable flooring for a school is that of wooden blocks laid on a solid foundation.

SCHOOL FURNITURE.

Under the heading of School Furniture desks constitute the most important item, and with these a large part of the school is inadequately equipped.

In the Kindergarten and Lower School, though there is room for improvement, the need for change is not urgent.

In Forms I, II, III of the Upper School, where the pupils are from 9 to 18 years old, we find children of all sizes even between the extremes of 4-ft. 10½-in. and 3-ft. 10-in. in Form II, and 5-ft. 3-ins.; and 3-ft. 11½ in Form III.

It is important that a child should not, during these early years of growth, be called upon to sit at a desk which is too large or too small for him, or constructed so that the occupant is obliged to adapt himself to unsuitable conditions.

On the contrary, the desk must be adapted to the needs of the child.

By this it is not meant that each pupil should have a desk specially built for him, but that desks of different sizes should be provided so that a child can be, so to speak, fitted. At present, in the cases of Form I and Form II, each room has a large proportion of good desks but they are of uniform size and too small for many of the children. The larger children are at present occupying large desks of antique and very unsuitable patterns.

In Forms III, IV and V on both sides of the school the desks are very old and, in many cases, of varied and undesirable patterns.

To put the matter briefly, in six class-rooms the desks need to be displaced by up-to-date furniture, and in two other rooms important additions and changes should be effected. The Art room should be entirely refurnished.

As to the kind of desk to be preferred: I am in favour of the "single" desk, if for no other reason than that it encourages independence and self-reliance among the pupils. When children sit side by side at one desk they become more and more given to relying on their neighbours instead of on their own powers.

Even when notes are being read to be taken down by them, it is found that a child will copy from the next child rather than rely on itself.

Another point in favour of "single" desks is that they lessen the risk of infection among the children.

COVERED PLAYGROUND.

It is true that in each playground there is already a covered part but the protection afforded is insufficient. Rain is often accompanied by a high wind and in such circumstances a space of 25 or 30-ft. width, covered by a roof only, is little or no protection

In cold or wet weather the children have to assemble in this exposed place, and cross the open playground to enter the school. On the Boys' side the distance is short, but on the side of the Girls, Lower School and Kindergarten it is the whole width of the open playground.

In the light of what has been said with regard to the school buildings and school accommodation generally, it is clear that the only effective as well as economically sound policy to adopt, if the Public School is to play its proper part in the affairs of the Settlement, is that of re-building.

We arrive at the same conclusion when we consider the matter from other standpoints.

PRESENT LOCATION OF THE SCHOOL.

To take the matter of the location of the School; the present position for that of a school for foreign boys and girls of ages ranging between 4 and 18 years, is almost as unsuitable a one as could possibly be found.

To the North, East and partially to the South it is hemmed in by densely-populated blocks of Chinese houses. To the West it is almost equally shut in by foreign houses, beyond which again lie districts thickly peopled with Chinese.

The School stands at the crossing of Boone Road and Chapoo Road.

Both these roads are very important thoroughfares and are thronged by natives, the majority of whom are of the poorer class, during almost all hours of the day.

Boone Road forms one of the main routes leading to and from the Hongkew market—situated only a short distance from the School—so that in the morning children coming to School often have to jostle cooks and other Chinese laden with meat, vegetables and all kinds of market produce.

From whichever direction we approach the School our path lies through streets lined with Chinese shops of the poorer kind, with all their accompanying squalor.

Whatever may have been the state of affairs when the School was built, certain it is that if one were called on to name suitable sites for a School to-day the corner at which Boone Road and Chapoo Road meet would be among those named last.

Then, again, the School is a one-storey building, so low as to be quite shut in by the buildings round it. It has an iron roof and is surrounded by an asphalt playground.

During the months of June, July, August and September and often during a large part of May, it is like an oven.

The following figures show the temperature recorded in the rooms since the reopening, that is, between September 6 and 24 :—

Sept.	Lower School Room (in E. Wing)	Lecture Room (in W. Wing)
6	93°	F 85°
7	90°	86°
8	79°	80°
9	80°	79°
10	79°	76°
13	81°	80°
14	75°	76°
15	85°	82°
16	87°	84°
17	90°	86°
20	84°	85°
21	87°	87°
22	85°	84°
23	85°	84°
24	81°	80°

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I am informed that the present site of the school was, until the time that the school was built, a large pond; and that the filling-in took place immediately prior to the erection of the building.

Without venturing an opinion as to whether this would render the school unhealthy, I feel that, in the absence of definite information regarding the purposes for which the pond was used, what it may have become the receptacle for, and, particularly, the nature of the material with which it was filled up, one may be forgiven for regarding the site with at least a large amount of suspicion.

Whether there is any relation between the situation and general conditions of the school buildings and the alarming amount of sickness prevalent among the members of the staff is a question worthy of close attention by competent judges.

SEPARATION OF BOYS', GIRLS', AND PREPARATORY DEPARTMENTS.

If it is agreed that the existing school buildings are inadequate and that the location of the school is unsuitable, the next question to be considered is whether the school shall continue as a mixed whole or whether the Boys', Girls', and Preparatory—which comprise the Lower School and Kindergarten—departments shall become separate establishments in separate buildings.

My answer to the question is most decidedly in favour of separation.

Boys should, on leaving the Lower School, at the age of say 8 or 9 years, enter Form I of the Boys' school and be then and thenceforth under the charge of masters.

At present they pass through Forms I and II, mixed classes, and my experience has convinced me that this is not a wise course.

A similar plan should be followed in the case of girls leaving the Lower School.

Some of the principal objections to having boys and girls in the same school even though in separate forms, are to be found in connexion with matters relating to—

(1.) *Work.*—Although much of what is done at school is the same for children of both sexes yet there are many subjects which are not common to the work of both boys and girls. So long as the two sets of children are taught by one and the same staff, it is found that Masters are called on to teach girls and Mistresses to teach boys, owing to force of circumstances, in subjects for the proper teaching of which teachers and taught should be of the same sex.

(2.) *Racial and National Feelings.*—A mixed public school will never be popular in Shanghai because of the existing racial and national differences.

It is obviously bad to put a backward boy of twelve with little girls of nine, yet such a boy's attainments in English might necessitate his being placed with the very young children.

To refuse him admission to the school for this reason alone is to reduce the income of the school and to frustrate the purpose of its existence.

(3.) *Special Training of Girls.*—As ninety per cent of the girls educated at the Public School marry, there should be more specialisation in the more domestic subjects previously referred to, than can be accomplished without divergence in the curriculum.

The prestige and tone of a school for boys only or of one for girls only are very much higher than those of a school in which boys and girls are mixed. I am entirely opposed to the mixing of boys and girls in any but the Preparatory Department.

The various measures necessary in the administration of the affairs of a school, matters relating to discipline, to public spirit, to behaviour and conduct, as well as to work, give rise to great difficulty in a mixed school.

The system of mixing is in great favour in certain educational circles, but whatever degree of success is claimed for it is found to exist only in those schools where the pupils have been selected.

In large schools of a public character it is rapidly going out of favour.

The necessity for separating the Lower School and Kindergarten from the Upper School has already been pointed out under "Separation of Kindergarten."

I am of opinion that the Girls' School and the Preparatory Department should be in separate though adjoining buildings and that they both should be under the Headmistress of the girls' school.

The boys' school should be in another place, or at least well removed from the other buildings, and under a Headmaster.

Continuity of work and such uniformity in matters of curriculum, general organization and other things, as was desirable could be ensured by action on the part of the Educational Committee.

STAFF.

It is next necessary to consider how far the separation of the departments would necessitate changes in and additions to the existing staff.

The whole question can best be shown by a comparison of the present conditions with those which would prevail if the separation were effected.

I have, in drawing up this comparison, allowed not more than 30 children to one teacher, as this is a recognized condition of efficiency.

MIXED SCHOOL.

Kindergarten	b. 18 g. 13=31 under	1 mistress and 1 student mistress
Lower School		
Lower Division	30	1 mistress
Middle "	30	1 mistress
Upper "	30	1 mistress
Total	b. 60 g. 30=90	(all with assistance of 1 or 2 student mistresses)
Form I	b. 27 g. 20=47	3 mistresses
" II	" 27 " 14=41	
" III boys	" 30 " 12=42	1 master
" IV "	" b. 21	1 master
Forms V, VI boys	" b. 20	1 master
Form III girls	g. 30 " 10=40	1 mistress
" IV girls	g. 20	1 mistress
Forms V, VI girls	g. 25	1 mistress
The surplus children from III g. (10) and III b. (12) who should form Upper II b. and g.		1 mistress

TOTAL: 11 Form mistresses
3 " masters
1 Frenchmaster
1 Art mistress
1 Music mistress

(AFTER SEPARATION)

Preparatory Department.

Kindergarten	31 b. & g. under	1 mistress and 1 student mistress
Lower School..	90 b. & g. "	3 mistresses 1 or 2 student mistress

Boys' School.

Form I	30 boys under	1 master
" II	30 " "	1 master
" III	30 " "	1 master
" IV	27 " "	1 master
" V, VI	20 " "	1 master

With possibly one additional master for modern languages.

Girls' School.

Form I	20 girls under	1 mistress
" II	24 " "	1 mistress
" III	30 " "	1 mistress
" IV	20 " "	1 mistress
Forms V, VI	25 " "	1 mistress

With possibly one additional mistress—say a modern languages mistress.

TOTAL: 9 Form mistresses
5 " masters
1 Frenchmaster
1 Art mistress
1 Music mistress

In we take the estimate for 1909 as our basis of calculation, at present the expenditure in salaries, is—

Headmaster		Tls. 4,725
11 Assistant	Mistresses	16,462
4 "	Masters	9,900
		Tls. 31,087

If it were possible to accommodate the children now at school in rooms such that each teacher should have charge of the proper number of children—that is not more than 30—the following would represent the annual expenditure in salaries :—

Headmaster		Tls. 4,725
13 Assistant	Mistresses	19,462
4 "	Masters	9,900
		Tls. 34,807

If the school were divided into three departments as suggested, it would be advisable to engage one additional Mistress to meet cases of illness and to allow of Mistresses going on leave.

Thus, with a head Mistress, we should have, approximately :—

Headmaster		Tls. 4,725
Headmistress (say)		3,600
11 Assistant	Mistresses	16,432
6 "	Masters	14,100
		Tls. 38,875

In the boys' and girls' schools there would be room for more pupils without further addition to the staffs.

As to whether the present scale of fees and reductions could be retained there may be some difference of opinion, but it is preferable that if possible no change should be made.

The returns of fees, etc., could be sent from the Boys' school, though the difficulty of determining the income derived from each school might have to be overcome.

The deciding of where to build the new schools is a matter which deserves the most careful consideration.

The solution of the problem is to be found by consideration of the policy to be followed with regard to education in Shanghai.

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POLICY OF THE EDUCATIONAL COMMITTEE.

The policy of the Educational Committee is, as I understand it, to give the children of the Settlement the best training that can be provided. In the Public School there can never be any question of race or class distinction in connexion with the admission of children of foreign residents.

Provided that the character, conduct, and attainments, of such children are satisfactory and that their fees are duly paid, it follows that the greater the number who attend the school, the better will the purpose for which it exists be fulfilled.

As long as those responsible for the direction of educational matters in the Settlement have a proper sense of their responsibility, the more children who are admitted to the school the better with it be for everybody concerned.

It is my desire that every eligible child in Shanghai and the neighbourhood shall go to the Public School.

CONDITIONS TO ENSURE SUCCESS OF A NEW SCHOOL.

To ensure the success of a new school I should advise the erection of a good, large, modern-planned, well-equipped building. It should be spacious, placed within extensive grounds and should have its own playing fields. The situation must be healthy and bright and the surroundings cheerful and elevating

These conditions, together with the adoption of a suitable and comprehensive syllabus, such as the one already in operation, and the maintaining of a full and efficient staff, are the essential points.

When all these are given, then comes the question of district.

The school should be such that pupils will be attracted to it from any distance, whether it is in the Northern, Eastern, Western or Central District.

There are few parts of Shanghai and the immediate neighbourhood that are not within more or less easy reach of the trams, and to sacrifice any of the points named above for anything but the gravest consideration of accessibility would be highly injudicious.

STATISTICS OF POPULATION AND OF CHILDREN ATTENDING THE SCHOOL.

There are given below lists showing the population of the various districts of Shanghai at the latest census, and the number of children in the Settlement at points of time during the past thirteen years, with the number attending the Public School.

There are also given, an analysis showing the number of children attending school now from each district, and a table showing the number of each nationality now attending:—

Population.

Northern District		6,018
Central	,,	1,444
Eastern	,,	1,891
Western	,,	1,286
		10,639

Child Population.

	children under 15			
1895	1,300	attending P. School	184	14%
1899	1,700	.. ..	230	13%
1902	1,800	.. ..	270	15%
1905	2,500	.. ..	300	12%
1906	2,900	.. ..	359	12%
1908	3,500	.. ..	367	10%

Children now attending School.

Northern District.	*Families*	132	*Children* 258
Eastern		31	69
Western		14	24
Central		5	8
		182	359

There are also children from Woosung, Pootung and the French Settlement.

	Wholly.	*Eurasian.*	*Jewish.*	*Total.*
English	65	51	36	152
Irish	2	0	0	2
Scottish	38	7	0	45
British	17	0	0	17
Portuguese	6	46	0	52
German	7	5	4	16
American	16	15	1	32
Russian	8	0	17	25
Norwegian	0	0	0	0
Hollander	3	0	0	3
French	7	0	0	7
Swedish	5	0	0	5
Japanese	7	0	0	7
Danish	5	2	0	7
Swiss	0	1	0	1
	186	127	58	371

These figures are interesting, but care must be taken in drawing conclusions from them.

For instance, the great numerical preponderance of children from the Northern and Eastern districts is particularly striking; and it seems a fair comment to make that there must be more than twenty-four children in the Western district to whose needs the education offered by the Public School is eminently fitted.

Very few children are at present attracted to the School from the Western District, in fact the present situation is known to keep many pupils away, while it is probable that most of the residents in the Northern would have no objection to their children attending a School in the Western District. Indeed, many would prefer that they should do so.

MIXING OF CLASSES.

A great deal of prejudice exists among certain sections of the community against the Public School, and much of this feeling arises from misconception regarding the effect of children of different classes of society being thrown into contact with one another.

It is wrong to suppose that vice is peculiar to the children of the poorer classes or to any one section of a community, as it is to argue that the lower ranks of society are in morality, worse than the higher.

During school hours the children are under discipline; it is pertinent to ask how much of this discipline is maintained by those responsible for them during out-of-school hours.

My experience leads me to believe that what a child gains from a large school, such as the Public School, by being a unit in a large community, by the training he receives in competing and rubbing shoulders with other children, by the exercise of authority vested in him from time to time, by the lessons of duty and self-sacrifice which he is called on to practise towards his fellows, and by the assimilation of ideas of honour and public spirit, far outweigh any risk of the dreaded contamination.

Children are very much what their parents make them. Let them be well looked after at home amid proper home influences, and, in ninety-nine cases out of a hundred, they will come to no harm at school.

In my opinion much of this prejudice will disappear if the suggested separation takes place, and the remainder will be overcome if the proposals regarding rebuilding are acted on.

ACCOMMODATION FOR THE STAFF.

The question whether accommodation, in the form of quarters, should be provided for the staff of the schools is an important one.

For the efficiency of a school it is desirable that some of, if not all, members of the staff should reside at or very near, the school. Messes are formed in connexion with the junior officers of the Police, the Banks, and business firms, and prove successful.

Speaking in regard to school matters alone, apart from any reasons the Council may have for or against such a plan, I am of opinion that if new buildings are to be erected, it will be a wise step to build, at the same time, quarters with each school, for the staff. Assistants would be informed on engagement that quarters were provided for them.

BOARDERS.

The providing of quarters for the staff might lead to a very important development.

There are many parents in the neighbourhood of Shanghai whose work compels them to reside in places—outports for example—far away from the recognized schools.

It may be possible, at no distant time, to establish houses under the care of Masters and Mistresses respectively where boys and girls can be received as boarders.

This is a departure which will require careful thought before actual steps are taken; but I hope, before long, to make definite suggestions to the Committee.

G. M. Billings,
Headmaster.

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MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION.

No. 1985.

LOAN of 1901.

NOTICE is hereby given that the following debentures of the above loan will be paid on presentation, properly endorsed by the registered owner, at the Municipal Offices on and after December 31, 1909, and interest will cease from that date.

Debentures of Tls. 1,000.

8085-90	8157	8219-20
8093-7	8159-60	8222-30
8101-2	8163	8232-3
8104-6	8166	8237
8109	8168	8241
8112-7	8172-3	8243-5
8119	8175-8	8247-51
8121-3	8180-2	8254-5
8125	8186-9	8259
8127	8191	8261-2
8129-35	8193-5	8264-6
8139-41	8197-204	8271
8148-51	8206-8	8275-7
8153	8212-5	
8155	8217	

Debentures of Tls. 100.

8257	8298	8322-9
8279	8303	8332-3
8285	8305	8335
8287-8	8308	8338-41
8290-1	8312	8344
8293	8314-6	8348-50
8295-6	8318-20	

By order,

W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

Council Room,
Shanghai, September 22, 1909.

MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION.

No. 1989.

THE Municipal Offices will be closed to public business on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, November 1, 2, 3 and on Saturday, November 6, 1909.

By order,

W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

Council Room,
Shanghai, October 28, 1909.

MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION.

No 1914.

THE Municipal Gazette will be forwarded to Ratepayers on application to the publishers, the North-China Daily News and Herald, Ld. The Gazette will continue to be forwarded without application to subscribers to the "North-China Daily News."

By order,

W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

Council Room,
Shanghai, May 22, 1908.

AT the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, October 20, 1909, at 4.30 p.m., there are present:

Messrs. D. Landale (*Chairman*)
H. De Gray
F. C. Heffer
W. D. Little
H. A. J. Macray
O. Meuser
W. A. C. Platt
T. E. Trueman
The Secretary and
Assistant Secretary.

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

The minutes of the last meeting are read, confirmed, signed by the Chairman and passed for publication.

Police.

Foreign Branch.—The following promotions have been authorized:—

To be 1st Class Inspector from October 13:—

P. W. Mackintosh

To be 2nd Class Constables from October 1:—

J. Anderson
J. Goodfellow
C. H. Lilley
T. Walls
R. Wilson

The engagement of W. V. Mogensen as Probationary Constable is authorized.

Sikh Branch.—Constable, No. 329 Vir Singh, is discharged invalided with effect from October 20.

Policing Beyond Limits.

Use of Firearms.—In continuation of the correspondence published in the Gazette of September 9, the Senior Consul forwards the reply of the Taotai to the Council's recent complaint as to indiscriminate firing in the neighbourhood of the Yangtszepoo Road, in which he draws attention to a case wherein the Police injured a pedestrian while in pursuit of an escaped convict, and remarks that this matter requires careful treatment on both sides:—

Shanghai, October 15, 1909.

SIR,—In pursuance to my letter of August 18 I have the honour to forward herewith for the Council's consideration copy and translation of a reply received from the Taotai on the subject of indiscriminate firing in the neighbourhood of the Settlement.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

D. SIFFERT,
Consul-General for Belgium,
and Senior Consul.

D. LANDALE, Esq.,
Chairman, Municipal Council.

Translation of letter from Taotai Tsai Nai-huang to the Senior Consul dated October 11, 1909.

The Taotai is in receipt of the Senior Consul's communication to the following effect:—

"A letter has been received from the Municipal Council dated August 13 as follows:—

'On August 9 six shots were fired by "the Native Preventive Service upon "Salt Smugglers near the Lay and "Yangtszepoo Roads. It appears that "these shots were fired by an armed boat "employed in landing a cargo of smug-"gled salt and that, owing to the "proximity of the Yangtszepoo Road, "they might easily have killed or in-"jured persons using that thoroughfare."

"The Senior Consul finds with "reference to the use of firearms by "soldiers and constabulary in the "employ of the Native Authorities in "the close neighbourhood of the Settle-"ment, that in December last the "Chapei Constabulary shot and wounded "two children with firearms in the "course, it is stated, of suppressing "gambling. This practice is very "dangerous and it is requested that "directions be given to all officers and "military concerned in matters of this "kind to be specially careful hereafter "in order to avoid occasioning mis-"fortune."

The Taotai then communicated with the concerned with a view to investigation, and on September 24 received a

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letter in reply from the Shanghai Constabulary as follows :—

'It appears that last year the shooting 'of two children occurred because the 'Constabulary was effecting the arrest 'of gamblers, and these gamblers 'opened fire in resistance of the 'Police, and accidentally wounded the 'two children; but they were not 'shot by the Constabulary detachment. 'The letter from the Council setting 'forth this matter cannot but be in-'correct. The detachments under the 'control of this Head Office have always 'been attentive and careful and have 'never given rise to any misfortune by 'letting off firearms.'

The Taotai, on receipt of the above, then directed the detective inspector, Chou Ting-kung, carefully to examine into the incident and thereafter this Inspector petitioned stating as follows:—

'From investigations made in accor-'dance with instructions, it appears 'that on August 9 last at past 3 o'clock 'in the morning the military petty 'officer, Chou Yu-cheng of the Che-'kiang Office of Salt Affairs, taking 'with him the boat officer Wusieh Ah-'êrh, and going to a place opposite the 'Yangtszepoo and Lay Roads in the 'Whangpoo, met with the salt-smug-'gling boat of Chen Ta-pao, the son 'of Chen Liang-fa, and fired at him 'with a banging report. Beyond this 'I have not heard of any other firing in 'connexion with the seizure of smug-'glers at this spot.'

Upon receipt of this reply it is observed that your letter requiring that directions be given to officers and military to be specially careful, is with no less an object than precaution against misfortune, and out of consideration for the importance of human life.

In a previous year, at the Mixed Court disturbance, the Police recklessly opened fire and killed several people. Of late I hear that upon the flight of a convict in the custody of the Police, the foreign policemen giving chase in order to capture him, let off a rifle and killed a passer-by. Hereafter both parties mutually should take past events as an example.

Communications have passed with a view to directions being given to the Constabulary to use care as occasion arises in order to correspond with your excellent intentions, and I have the honour now duly to address this letter to yourself in reply, requesting you kindly to take note, for proceeding in accordance.

Mixed Court.

Case of Obstruction.—In connexion with the case of obstruction offered to the Police in the course of arresting an ex-member of the Chapei Constabulary, to which reference was made in the Police Report for September, published in the Municipal Gazette of October 21, the following letter having been received, the Council directs that no further step be taken in the matter, and reply is authorized:—

Translation of letter from Tsai Nai-huang, Shanghai Taotai, to the Council, dated October 4, 1909.

With reference to the arrest of Wang Chung-ling a few days ago by Police and detectives in the Sinza Road, at the residence of Wang Taotai, it has now been found that at the time in question the man took refuge in the house, and that Wang Taotai was in truth unaware of it. He has heard that his servants, owing to long standing friendship with this man, did not hand him over forthwith, and thus caused trouble to the Police and foreign detectives by making them wait outside for a long time, obstructing them in the performance of their duty.

This was most unsatisfactory but in view of your invariable friendliness, you will perhaps not take offence. The Taotai and Wang Taotai both much regret it. The Taotai having given directions to Wang Taotai personally to punish the servants concerned, also duly addresses a letter expressing regret, and trusting that you will take note, presents his compliments.

Council Room,
Shanghai, October 22, 1909.

SIR,—I am in receipt of your letter of October 4, on the subject of the case of obstruction of the Police which took place in the Sinza Road on September 24, and which now is found to have been due to the action of servants.

Noting that these servants have been punished, the Council directs me to acknowledge your expression of regret, and to express its satisfaction at this termination of the incident.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

TSAI NAI-HUANG. Esq.,
Shanghai Taotai.

Wharfage Dues.

The returns for the September Quarter are submitted, together with the following comparative statement covering three years:—

Quarter ending	1907	1908	1909
	Tls.	Tls.	Tls.
March 31 ..	44,497	38,529	40,020
June 30...	48,797	40,859	45,278
Sept. 30...	46,326	41,861	44,845
Dec. 31...	39,737	36,708	—
Total..	179,357	157,957	—

Redemption of Debentures.

A letter from the Hongkong Bank is read, in allusion to the hardship which will fall upon the owners of scrip of the Loan of 1901 recently drawn for repayment, owing to the present high rate of premium at which debentures stand, unless permission is granted to reinvest at par in the Loan of 1910.

This communication with reply as directed is ordered for inclusion in the minutes for publication :—

Shanghai, October 15, 1909.

DEAR SIR,—We see from the Municipal Gazette published by the "North-China Daily News" on the 14th instant, that you notify the redemption on December 31, 1909 at par of the 1901 6 per cent Municipal Loan.

Quotations for Municipal 6 per cent Debentures of any issue have been for some time 5 per cent premium owing to the large amount of capital at present seeking such investments but this condition can only be considered a temporary one, and we therefore hope that it is the Council's intention to allow holders of the Debentures to be redeemed to replace at par in the next issue, as they were able to do when there was no premium. If the Council on consideration agree that our suggestion is a reasonable one we further think it would be in the Council's interests to make the decision public by advertisement.

Many first-class investments giving a much better return than those considered by law and former custom as the only securities suitable for Trust funds, it is now more the rule than the exception that Trustees have authority to invest in certain specified outside securities and amongst these Shanghai Municipal Debentures locally hold a high position, it therefore seems very advisable to maintain their popularity.

Yours faithfully,
H. HUNTER,
Manager.
Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation.

The SECRETARY,
Municipal Council.

Council Room,
Shanghai, October 23, 1909.

SIR,—I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of October 15, and, in reply thereto, to state that the suggestion therein contained on the subject of the drawn debentures of the Municipal Loan of 1901, has been adopted by the Council; that is to say that debenture holders will be permitted to re-invest in the Loan of 1910, provisional interest-bearing receipts being issued until the Loan receives the necessary authority at the Annual Meeting of Ratepayers.

The decision, which will not be admitted as a precedent, is due to the fact that there are outstanding 6 per cent Electricity Loans of an older date than 1901. These, from an investor's standpoint, are upon the same basis as ordinary Municipal Loans, while the financial administration of the Electricity Department does not involve the repayment of such liabilities. To obviate, therefore the recurrence of the present position, the Council has decided at the end of the year to make the necessary book entries for exchanging the Electricity Loans of 1894 and 1898 for equivalent amounts of a more recent date, so that for the future repayments may be in rotation.

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I am also to remind you that in previous years repayments have been made at par when the current quotation was at a discount.

In conclusion I am to convey to you the Council's appreciative thanks for your intervention in this matter.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

THE MANAGER,
The Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation.

Bundings.

Soochow Creek.—The completion of the standard concrete bunding of the Soochow Creek between the North Fokien and the North Thibet Roads by the construction of a length of 50 feet opposite the Kansuh Road is approved, at an estimated cost of Tls. 2,000, to be charged to the Budget Appropriation for Repairs and Renewals.

Road Extensions and Widenings.

Peking Road.—Negotiations have been concluded for the purchase of a small holding of unregistered land, controlled by Mr. W. S. Emens, measuring Mow 0.125, at the south-west corner of this and the Fokien Roads, for a total sum of Tls. 4,750. The Council has approved this purchase on the grounds that the land adjoins the recently acquired property, Lot 454 B (vide Municipal Gazette of August 12), that the total frontage strip thus formed should prove readily saleable, that the statement of revenue submitted, which is borne out by the Tax Office, shows that the locality is a first class one from the point of view of Chinese residents, and that purchase of the scheduled strip only would render the remainder of the lot almost useless for building purposes.

With reference to the acquisition of the area scheduled from Cadastral Lot 302 for the widening of this road, and to the correspondence published in the Municipal Gazette of October 14, payment is authorised of a sum of Tls. 900 for the reinstatement of the five houses affected.

North Szechuen Road.—An improvement in the line of this and an adjoining new road has been effected ex B.C. Lot 39 Pao, and U.S. C. Lot 24, Pao, in terms of the following correspondence:—

Shanghai, September 22, 1909.

SIR,—To erect our outside walls parallel with the inside ones on our property:—P.B.C. 39 and U.S. 24 opposite the Rifle Range in the North Szechuen Road Extension, we find we would require a few feet more in the centre and west end of the Municipal Road. If you can arrange to grant us this additional area, which will be pointed out to your representative, we would be pleased to surrender its equivalent area off the West end of our property which will enable you to widen the existing road there.

Thanking you for an early reply as we are anxious to carry on with the work.

We are,
Yours faithfully.
THE INTERNATIONAL SKATING RINK LD.
J. J. DE SOUZA,
Secretary.

THE MUNICIPAL ENGINEER.

Council Room,
Shanghai, October 22, 1909.

SIR.—I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of September 22, addressed to the Municipal Engineer, on the subject of a proposed give and take arrangement in respect to your property, B. C. Lot 39, Pao., and U.S.C. Lot 24, Pao.

In reply thereto I am to state that the Council is prepared to grant permission to erect an outside wall over the existing roadline to the extent of a strip measuring Mow 0.027 on the north of the property in return for the surrender of an area of Mow 0.045 upon the western side.

If this arrangement meets your wishes surrender deeds will be forwarded for signature without delay.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

J. J. DE SOUZA, Esq.,
Secretary,
International Skating Rink, Ld.

Shanghai, October 25, 1909.

SIR,—I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 22nd instant, conveying the sanction of the Council to the proposed give and take arrangement in respect to our property in the Paoshan district.

In reply, I am directed to express to you the thanks of the company for the courtesy the Council has extended to us in the matter, and to say that we will be prepared at any time to sign the surrender deeds.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
THE INTERNATIONAL SKATING BANK LD.
J. J. DE SOUZA.
Secretary.

W. E. LEVESON, Esq.,
Secretary, Municipal Council.

Kwenming Road.—The surrender is noted of Mow 0.063 of land ex-Cadastral Lot 1990 scheduled for the widening of this road, for the sum of Tls. 300. Registered owners, the Catholic Mission of Anhwei.

Settlement Extension.

A letter from the Senior Consul encloses copies of the Consular Body's despatch to the Viceroy at Nanking on this subject and of his reply.

Shanghai, October 18, 1909.

SIR,—I have the honour to forward herewith for the Council's information two documents relating to the question of Settlement extension.

(*a*) copy of a letter addressed on August 21, to the Nanking Governor General

(*b*) copy and translation of a letter received from the latter under the date of August 27

which documents form, with the former ones already communicated to you, the whole of the correspondence exchanged with the Chinese authorities on the subject.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,
D. SIFFERT,
Consul-General for Belgium and Senior Consul.

D. LANDALE, Esq.,
Chairman, Municipal Council.

Shanghai, August 21, 1909.

EXCELLENCY,—I have the honour to refer to my letter of July 3 and to your predecessor's reply of July 29, 1908, in regard to a proposed extension of the International Settlement.

The Consular Body desire me to remark that it is anything but likely that when agreeing in 1899 to an extension of the Settlement your predecessor Governor General Liu had for object to settle the matter once for all and that the Consuls would have shared such a view: as a matter of course no foreign authorities would ever have thought of thus enclosing the Settlement within unalterable boundaries while it was evident that no limits could be fixed to its growing.

It is true that the present area of the Settlement would probably suffice as a place of residence for the foreign community, but it seems that Your Excellency does not realize how small a portion of these 32,000 mow is available for foreign use. There are about 50,000 Chinese houses in the Settlement, and 3,000 foreign houses only; still is the number of the former apparently too small if compared with the demand, for we are just in receipt of a letter from the Taotai, with a petition from a great number of Chinese residents, where the principal cause ascribed to the distress now prevailing among certain classes of people is the high rate of rents wanted for houses in Shanghai. In fact the number of Chinese merchants or workmen who elect to come to Shanghai to carry on business or get a livelihood or simply reside and have an investment for their money and who wish to avail themselves of the benefits of foreign administration will inevitably and unremittingly increase, with the result that the area where to build foreign houses will be more and more curtailed.

Since so many Chinese appreciate the advantages which life in the Settlement affords them, and occupy a great part of the place originally set apart for the use of foreigners, we do not see why a portion of land should be reserved just there where the Settlement is likely to grow out. The existence of the foreign settlement is the only reason why so great a number of Chinese have

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elected to domicile in Shanghai; those who do not like to reside in the Settlement shall always have room enough anywhere else than on our borders, and as to het chances of success of the experiment made at Chapei to establish there a Chinese settlement, you will agree that they are rather small owing to the position and shape of the site chosen for the purpose, while the conditions under which it is at present administered constitute a permanent danger to the public health and security.

The irregular and very often built on boundary line which now separates the International Settlement from Chapei is responsible for most of the incidents and difficulties which are constantly taking place between the Shanghai Municipal Police and the Chapei Constabulary: I need not draw your attention to the advantages which would be afforded in this respect by a clear and well known boundary such as the railway line. It must be understood indeed that the latter would not be included within the Settlement area and would remain entirely under Chinese administration. There is no intention at all to interfere with the railway line or the station; we simply consider that if the present artificial and most objectionable boundary line is to be removed, the best suited boundary to be adopted in its stead is the natural and well laid out line constituted by the railroad. Such a line would do as well for the purpose as a boundary wall or creek, and would remove any occasion of friction between the two Police forces as well as leave no grounds for conflicts of jurisdiction.

We are convinced that the inclusion within Settlement limits of the land in question would prove beneficial as much to its present occupants as to the whole community: in this respect it will suffice to mention the economy of a single administration in such matters as the supply of water, electricity and drainage: we venture therefore to urge upon you the necessity for an impartial consideration of the question and to express the hope that you will not persist in your refusal to instruct the Shanghai Taotai to enter into negotiations with us on the subject.

While they would surely bring the matter to a satisfactory conclusion such negotiations might also, we think, prove fruitful in other respects. In return for the granting of an extension of the Settlement the foreign authorities in charge of the latter would likely be disposed to accede to some reasonable request emanating from the Chinese residents and it seems that under these conditions an arrangement could easily be reached which would satisfy every body.

Your Excellency remarks that foreigners have bought land in the Paoshan district temporarily only, and by tolerance. I beg to submit that this is not our view of the question. We cannot admit that Paoshan is outside the limits of the treaty port of Shanghai and we consider the purchase of land by foreigners there as a mere application of the treaty stipulations. In fact nearly the whole of the land lying between the Northern district of the Settlement and the railway line is registered in foreign consulates. As pointed out before large numbers of foreigners having been compelled to leave the Settlement have thus bought land and built houses for themselves outside the limits of the Settlement. Their interests are as much worthy of regard on our part as those of the residents of the Settlement, and it is to meet their wants in the matter of sanitation, police protection and other conveniences as well as in the general interests of all the residents, both Chinese and foreign, of the International Settlement, that a further extension of the area under Municipal control is urgently desirable.

I have the honour to be,
Excellency,
Your obedient servant,
D. SIFFERT,
Consul-General for Belgium and Senior Consul.

H. E. CHANG JEN CHUN,
Governor-General of Liang Kiang,
Nanking.

Translation of letter from the Southern Commissioner of Trade, Chang, to the Senior Consul, dated August 27, 1909.

The letter from the Senior Consul, setting forth a reiterated statement with reference to the question of Settlement Extension has been duly received and the Southern Commissioner of Trade has fully taken note thereof.

It appears that this matter has already been the subject of a reply from the former Southern Commissioner of Trade, Tuan, in July this year, setting forth in detail the circumstances which obstruct action accordingly. This reply is on record.

The Paoshan District is not an open port in accordance with Treaty, and the lease of land at that place by foreign merchants is of course a procedure by way of compromise. You state that the action taken is in accordance with Treaty, but I would sincerely enquire in what clause a treaty stipulation is contained whereby foreign merchants are permitted to lease land although it is not at an open port according to Treaty; and I think you will have no means of indicating it. Further, touching the constabulary and sanitation in the Chinese Settlement, this is a matter of internal administration, and directions can of course be given for increased care and attention with a view to its perfection. The request that directions be given to the Shanghai Taotai to take action for the discussion of the matter of Settlement extension is in truth difficult to comply with.

Not only has the Shanghai Taotai received a despatch upon the subject for his information, and with a view to the reorganization of the constabulary and sanitation already undertaken in the Chinese Settlement, but, further, this reply is duly addressed to the Senior Consul, requesting him to take note.

Tramways.

A letter from the Company encloses a statement of accounts to September 30, with the draft Resolution for submission at the forthcoming Autumn Meeting of Ratepayers. The Finance Committee will meet for the discussion of the matter so soon as a report by the Accountant on these figures is made ready.

Tenders.

Supply of about 16,000 lb. Steel Bars for reinforced concrete for use in construction of the new workshops at the Gaol, Yao Sing-kee, Tls. 5 per 100 lb. One other tender, that of Mr. A. T. J. Pike, Tls. 6 per 100 lb. was received, also two irregular tenders.

Repairs and Painting to Municipal Offices (Secretariat and Public Works Department), Chun Ming-kee, Tls. 860.

Alterations and additions to the Accounts Office, Zee Shun-shing, Tls. 2,100, with extras amounting to Tls. 700. The removal and rebuilding of the Compradore's kitchen, is involved, which will be carried out by the same contractor at an estimated cost of Tls. 250 additional. There is no appropriation for this work in the current Budget, but in the opinion that the reorganisation of the Accounts Office renders immediate provision of suitable accommodation necessary, the Council sanctions the work.

The meeting adjourns at 5.25 p.m.

Notification of Infectious Disease.

The following have been reported during the week ending Sunday, Oct. 24, 1909.	Death among Chinese population of 550,000	Cases notified among Non-Chinese population of 15,000
Small-pox.	0	0
Cholera.	0	0
Typhoid Fever.	—	0
Diphtheria.	1	0
Scarlet Fever.	0	0
Tuberculosis.	16	0
Plague.	0	0
Total Deaths from all Causes.	169	6

ARTHUR STANLEY, *Health Officer.*

Public Band.

The afternoon performances of the Band in the Public Gardens and Recreation Grounds will be discontinued after Saturday, November 6, 1909.

The first orchestral concert in the Town Hall will take glace on Sunday, November 7, at 4.30 p.m. and thereafter until further notice, performances will be given every Sunday, at 4.30 p.m. and every Wednesday and Friday at 5.30 p.m: on Fridays the programme will consist of dance music.

The performances during next week will (weather permitting) be as follows:

Mon. Nov.	1,	2. p.m.	Race Course
Tues.	2,	2. „	Race Course
Wed.	3,	2. „	Race Course
Thurs.	4,	5. „	Public Garden
Fri.	5,	5. „	Hongkew Recreation Ground
Sat.	6,	2. „	Race Course

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MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION.

No. 1985.

LOAN of 1901.

NOTICE is hereby given that the following debentures of the above loan will be paid on presentation, properly endorsed by the registered owner, at the Municipal Offices on and after December 31, 1909, and interest will cease from that date.

Debentures of Tls. 1,000.

8085-90	8157	8219-20
8093-7	8159-60	8222-30
8101-2	8163	8232-3
8104-6	8166	8237
8109	8168	8241
8112-7	8172-3	8243-5
8119	8175-8	8247-51
8121-3	8180-2	8254-5
8125	8186-9	8259
8127	8191	8261-2
8129-35	8193-5	8264-6
8139-41	8197-204	8271
8148-51	8206-8	8275-7
8153	8212-5	
8155	8217	

Debentures of Tls. 100.

8257	8298	8322-9
8279	8303	8332-3
8285	8305	8335
8287-8	8308	8338-41
8290-1	8312	8344
8293	8314-6	8348-50
8295-6	8318-20	

By order,
W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

Council Room,
Shanghai, September 22, 1909.

MUNICIPAL NOTIFICAT ON.

No. 1990.

(Translation.)

It is hereby notified that in these approaching winter months the number of fires in native premises is again on the increase. They originate in many cases from acts of incendiarism, such as the throwing of ignited material into houses by bad characters. The public is therefore warned against the danger of storing straw, fuel or other easily inflammable articles, in kitchens and small rooms adjoining; and as a precaution against the throwing of ignited material through windows or broken window-panes, landlords and tenants of native dwellings are advised to affix wooden shutters or doors fitted inside the windows of such rooms, with a wooden cross bar or bolts, to be carefully closed at night.

In view of possible negligence on the part of servants, native householders are reminded of their responsibility for ensuring that windows easily accessible from without are effectually closed at night, and due care should be exercised to this end.

By order,
W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

Council Room,
Shanghai, November 1, 1909.

MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION.

No. 1991.

ORDURE CONTRACT.

(Translation.)

THE Council is prepared to receive tenders for the removal by boat of ordure from the Settlement from January 1, 1910. Tenderers should state the amount of money they are prepared to pay to the Council and send their tenders with "Tenders for Ordure Contract" marked thereon, to the undersigned not later than 4 p.m. on December 1, 1909. The contractor whose contract is accepted will be required to deposit two months' money with the Council. An agreement for one year renewable for a further period of two years will be made provided the contractor performs his duties to the satisfaction of the Council, and in case he wishes to continue the work. Further particulars may be obtained upon application to the Health Office.

By order,
W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

Council Room,
Shanghai, November 11, 1909.

AT the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, October 27, 1909, at 4.30 p.m., there are present:

Messrs. D. Landale (*Chairman*)
F. C. Heffer
W. D. Little
H. A. J. Macray
O. Meuser
W. A. C. Platt
J. Prentice
T. E. Trueman
The Secretary and
Assistant Secretary.

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

The minutes of the last meeting are read, confirmed, signed by the Chairman and passed for publication.

Volunteers.

Uniform.—The proposal contained in the following report by the Commandant is approved:—

Headquarters,
Shanghai, October 26, 1909.

It is at present a matter of impossibility to distinguish between the members of certain units of the S.V.C., owing to their dress being identical. The necessity of being able to distinguish men in this way has long been felt, and I have had the matter under consideration and discussion for some time.

I have now the honour to propose the introduction of thin piping, of various colours, round the cuffs and at the bottom of the collars of the khaki jackets, and small patches of the same colour behind the hat or cap badges of the units referred to, as follows:—

Maxim Company,	Orange.
"A" Company,	Black.
"B" Company,	Claret.
Customs Company,	Green.

I enclose a sample of each colour, and I have the honour to recommend that the Council will give its sanction to this proposal.

While these distinctions will be in no way conspicuous at a short distance, they will tend to the ready identification of members of the units in question, and, considering how such little distinctions appeal to all soldiers, amateur or professional, they will, I am convinced, stimulate esprit de corps.

I may add that the Unit Commanders concerned are greatly in favour of this step, and are, in fact, anxious for its introduction, and that it has received the approval of the Corps Clothing Board.

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The (tional cost will be about $0.20 per , arment, but the cost will, even then, be less than that of the garments of most of the other units.

A. A. S. BARNES,
Lieut.-Colonel,
Commandant, Shanghai Volunteer Corps.

Police.

Foreign Branch.—Constable P. A. Davidson is dismissed the Force with effect from October 31 for continued drunkenness.

The service of Constable C. E. Clarke terminated by permission on October 31.

Incendiarism.—In accordance with a Police recommendation, made as a result of two recent cases of incendiarism in the West Hongkew District, it is directed that a Municipal Notification be issued on the subject in the native Press, and that copies be distributed in the form of a circular for general information

Health Department.

Latrines.—Upon the recommendation of the Health Officer it is decided to erect a new latrine in the Eastern District on a small piece of land recently acquired for this purpose in the Rangoon Road. The work will be carried out departmentally at an estimated cost of Tls. 700.

Fire Brigade.

Annual Parade.—The Chief Engineer notifies Saturday, November 20, as the date fixed for this function, when the inter-company competition for the Fire Insurance Companies' Challenge Shield will take place.

Company Cups.—The winners for the year ending August 31, 1909, are as follows:—

Mih-ho-loong	E. Durlach.
Hongkew	A. E. Fenton.
Deluge	W. D. B. Miller.
Victoria	C. W. T. Elsworth.

Those for the preceding year, not yet presented are:—

Mih-ho-loong	L.M. Beyta h.
Hongkew	G.R. Fawcett.
Deluge	R.W. Gunson.
Victoria	L. Dowdall.

Long Service Medals.—Medals have been earned by and will be issued to:—
W. E. Keay, Mih-ho-loong, 1904/9.
G. A. Turner, Mih-ho-loong, ,,
G. R. Fawcett, Hongkew,

Eligibility for the Council.

In continuation of the minute on this subject contained in the Gazette of April 29, the following correspondence is ordered for publication :—

Shanghai, April 17, 1909.

SIR,—I have the honour to bring to your knowledge that a committee having been appointed by the Consular Body to examine and report on the question of qualification for the election of Councillors, in connexion with Resolution XIV of the last Ratepayers' Meeting, I am directed to request that you will be good enough to give us written legal opinion showing on what ground you took the action which occasioned Resolution XIV and to which you refer in a Council's note published in the Municipal Gazette.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,
D. SIFFERT,
Consul-General for Belgium, and Senior Consul.

D. LANDALE, Esq.,
Chairman, Municipal Council.

Council Room,
Shanghai, May 13, 1909.

SIR,—In accordance with the request contained in your letter of April 17, I have the honour to hand you, herein enclosed, the opinion of the Council's Legal Advisers as to the interpretation of Article XIX of the Land Regulations, relating to the qualifications for membership of the Council.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,
DAVID LANDALE,
Chairman.

D. SIFFERT, Esq.,
Consul-General for Belgium.
and Senior Consul.

LAND REGULATION XIX.

OPINION.

The intention of this Land Regulation is perfectly plain though expressed in no very formal language. It was obviously drawn up by persons who had in mind only the conditions of life which then prevailed at Shanghai, who desired to give preferential rights to land-renters, and who did not look to the future at all. They determined in the first place to establish an electorate limited to those persons who (according to their ideas) were to be classed as "respectable" and to confine the right to sit on the Council to the much smaller class of those who may perhaps be called "people of importance," I do not know how these objects could have been carried out otherwise than by a classification based on (a) ownership of property or (b) amount of income as shown by expenditure.

It may seem strange that "assessed rentals" rather than "actual rentals" are mentioned in the Land Regulation but experience has shown the possibility of arrangements between landlord and tenant which have the effect of permitting the latter to evade taxation. The practice therefore (which already existed in 1869) of imposing a rate on "assessed" and not on "actual" rentals was no doubt a wise one and it was perhaps reasonable, in the interests of uniformity, to leave "actual" rentals out of consideration in Land Regulation XIX. But it must be admitted that there is no necessary connexion between the "assessed" rental of a house and the income of the tenant or the "actual" rent paid by him : and in fact only very careful attention to temporary local conditions and very frequent reassessment of rentals can avoid, e.g., such an anomaly as the disqualification by assessment of a householder who would be qualified by actual rent.

From the first, Land Regulation XIX was, as the records show, the subject of much discussion and criticism but no serious doubt seems to have been felt as to its meaning, namely, that the landrenters had the peculiar privilege of making up their fixed contributions of Tls. 10 and Tls. 50 out of land tax or house tax or both, while mere householders were dependent for their qualifications on specified amounts of assessed rental on which they paid (as house tax) sums which might be greater or less than Tls. 10 and Tls. 50 according to varying rates of assessment and taxation. It was, however, very soon noticed (see Report for the year ending March 1871) that in some cases assessments were found to be very far in excess of actual rentals and in such cases the Council, while leaving the assessment unchanged, did not insist on payment of the full amount of the house tax. It would be interesting to know whether any of the Councils in the years immediately following 1869 ever strictly enforced the Tls. 1,200 rental assessment clause.

At some time, probably before 1875, and whether as the result of a *bonâ fide* misinterpretation of Article XIX or of some other cause, the payment of Tls. 50 in rates and taxes came to be accepted as the qualification both of land-renters or householders for a seat on the Council in lieu of the payment of Tls. 50 on land, houses or both or (in the case of householders) the payment of the rates and taxes (whatever they might be) on an assessed rental of Tls. 1,200. There can be no doubt that any difficulty which arose in carrying out Article XIX should have been met by amendment and not by disregard of its terms. At the same time I cannot but feel that the acceptance of the Tls. 50 qualification when it first became customary involved no departure from the spirit of Land Regulation XIX. The condition of affairs which has resulted from this departure from the strict terms of the Land Regulation is not surprising; for it is obvious that the fixed sum of Tls. 50, which was accepted as the Councillor's qualification both for land-renters and householders, must be greater or less than the Householder's Voting qualification according as the rate of taxation of assessed rentals was below or above 10 per cent. It does not seem to have occurred to anyone concerned that this was a possible consequence of thus tampering with the constitution. The recent situation was one which could not be allowed to continue, as it had not only come about through a manifest breach of Land Regulation XIX but had led to a violation of the

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principle on which the Regulation was founded, namely, that the qualification for voting should be less than the qualification for election as a member of the Council. In such circumstances it does not seem to me that any other course was open to the Council, when they had realized the effect of the policy of their predecessors, than to revert once more to the strict terms of Land Regulation XIX. As a matter of fact the time for doing so was by no means inappropriate ; for increased assessment has so closely followed the recent great rise in rentals that the householder's qualification which is stated in the Land Regulation XIX, though unsuited to the conditions which prevailed in the seventies and eighties, is no longer calculated to exclude persons who may fairly be considered fit for election as members of the Council.

As no real hardship has been inflicted it can only be a matter for regret that longer notice of the intended change was not given. Every argument which supports the conclusion that the cutting down of the list of possible Councillors has not excluded anyone who had the smallest chance of election also goes to show that there would have been no danger in deferring action for at least another year.

Shanghai, May 7, 1909.

DUNCAN MCNEILL.

Shanghai, October 29, 1909.

SIR,—With reference to my letter of April 17, relating to Resolution XIV of the last Meeting of Ratepayers, I have the honour to inform you that the Consular Body has now resolved as follows :—

(1) that it agrees with the ruling of the Chairman of the Annual Meeting of Ratepayers, held on March 17, 19 and 22, 1909, that the Meeting was incompetent to interpret the Land Regulations, or to define its own powers, or to direct the Council or its officers to do or to admit to be done what they were advised was illegal;

(2) that the real question underlying Resolution XIV was the interpretation of Land Regulation XIX;

(3) that the plain intention of Land Regulation XIX was to establish two separate classes of ratepayers, one qualified to vote and the other qualified to be members of the Council, and that no one should be qualified to be a member of the Council unless either (1) being an owner of land he should pay an annual assessment exclusive of licenses of Tls. 50 on land or houses or both, or (2) should be a householder paying on an assessed rental of Tls. 1,200 per annum, and

(4) that the Council was right in deciding to follow the strict interpretation of the Article, but it is to be regretted that they did not give at least a year's notice of their decision, looking to the length of time during which another practice had been followed.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

D. SIFFERT,
Consul-General for Belgium, and Senior Consul.

D. LANDALE, Esq.,
Chairman, Municipal Council.

Public Lighting

Central District.—Upon the suggestion of the Electrical Engineer the erection of two additional arc lamps on the Bund, opposite the Masonic Club and the new Shanghai Club respectively, is approved at an annual cost of Tls. 340.

Hongkew Recreation Ground.

Public School Pavilion.—A report is submitted by the Headmaster to the effect that a number of necessary fittings essential to the proper equipment of the pavilion, such as pegs, lockers, etc., are required, and for which no provision has been made in the Budget. The Council authorizes the small expenditure of Tls. 150 involved.

Road Extensions and Widenings.

Statement of Expenditure. — The monthly statement in respect to commitments and negotiations open, together with a summary to September 30 by the Accountant, is submitted and it is noted that by payments already made there is an excess over the Budget appropriation of Tls. 18,461, as follows:—

	Tls.
Land for new roads and extension of existing roads	37,749.12
Land for widening Peking Road	26,633.40
Land for widening other existing roads	57,169.03
Surplus Land	16,910.33
Tls.	138,461.88

Peking Road.—The terms arranged for the surrender of the scheduled strip of Cadastral lot 467A, measuring Mow 0.056, are contained in the following correspondence:—

Shanghai, August 31, 1909.

DEAR SIR,—I beg to acknowledge receipt of your two letters the one dated April 14, and the other June 4, on the subject of the widening of the Peking Road ex Cad. Lot 467A. I must apologise for the delay in answering, but it has been due to the beneficial owner's absence from Shanghai. I am now directed by him to inform you that he is prepared to surrender the land required upon the following conditions:—

The land to be surrendered at the assessed value plus ten per cent for compulsory surrender. The Council to pay the sum of $5,340 being the estimated loss of rental on the five shops for a period of seventeen years being the estimated remaining life-time of the buildings. The Council to take down and re-erect the buildings to the new road line at its own expense and to pay the present rental of the shops during the time they are in course of re-erection.

Trusting these terms will meet with your approval.

Yours faithfully,
A. E. ALGAR.

C. H. GODFREY, Esq.,
Acting Municipal Engineer.

Council Room,
Shanghai, October 8, 1909.

SIR,—With reference to your letter of August 31, addressed to the Municipal Engineer, upon the subject of the widening of the Peking Road ex Cadastral Lot 467A, I am directed to draw your attention to the minute on this subject which was published in the Municipal Gazette of June 4, and of which I enclose a copy. Therein is set out the Council's policy in respect to claims from owners of registered property adjoining this road, and you may observe that it has been decided to apply the rule of reducing claims by one-third for betterment in all cases, for reasons set out at length.

With regard to the present case the Council cannot but regard the owner's claim as an exorbitant one. It is based not only upon the assessed value of the lot with ten per cent added, but also upon an estimated loss of rental for a period of 17 years, together with all reinstatement charges ; it appears unnecessary to point out that to meet a claim calculated upon lines such as these, would be equivalent to paying for the land twice over.

Apart from this fact, compensation based upon an estimated loss of rental is always considered by the Council to be unsatisfactory, and particularly so in the case of the Peking Road, where it is difficult to arrive at any fair estimate of the loss, if, indeed, any may be presumed.

I am accordingly to suggest for your consideration the following counteroffer, calculated in a manner which the Council has found to be productive of the most satisfactory results :—

	Tls.
Mow 0.056 at Tls. 17,000 per mow	952
Plus ten per cent.....	95
	1,047
Less one-third for betterment	349
Tls	698

I am further to state that reasonable reinstatement charges will be paid in respect to the five shops upon the property, and the sum of Tls. 625, together with loss of rentals for three months, Tls. 130, is considered to be adequate compensation upon this head. I am to express the hope that the total sum of Tls. 1,453 will prove acceptable to the concerned.

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The concluding paragraph of the above-mentioned minute contains an appeal for co-operation on the part of all agents and landowners concerned, and the Council is confident that, in the present case, no more direct appeal to your good offices is required.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

A. E. ALGAR., Esq.

Shanghai, October 22, 1909.

DEAR SIR,—I beg to acknowledge receipt of your favour of the 8th instant on the subject of the Peking Road widening ex Cad. Lot 467A. I am now directed by the beneficial owner to inform you that he is prepared to amend his offer more or less on the basis you suggest, viz.:—

Mow 0.056 at Tls. 17,000 per mow	Tls.	952
Plus 10 per cent		95
		1,047
Less one-third for betterment		349
		698
Loss of rental during rebuilding		130
Cost of rebuilding. 5 houses at Tls. 250 each ...		1,250
	Tls.	2,078

The difference therefore between the present claim and the Council's offer would be Tls. 625. I am directed to point out that the owner is of the opinion that the sum of Tls. 625 as allowed by the Council for re-instatement charges is not sufficient being only Tls. 125 per house. Should this offer be acceptable and in view of the fact that the present houses will have to be pulled down and rebuilt, I am directed to state that as the site has now been narrowed by six feet and a half that the Council will not enforce to the letter the building regulations governing the erection of native houses.

Yours faithfully,
A. E. ALGAR.

W. E. LEVESON, Esq.,
Secretary, Municipal Council.

Council Room,
Shanghai, October 29, 1909.

SIR,—In reply to your letter of October 22 I am directed to state that the proposal therein contained, as to compensation for the strip of Lot 467A scheduled for the widening of the Peking Road, is acceptable to the Council. The sum of Tls. 2,078 will therefore be paid, and, in regard to the new buildings, every effort will be made to meet your wishes, the Council's final decision awaiting only receipt of your building plans.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

A. E. ALGAR, Esq.

Tramways.

Track Maintenance.—In July the Engineer drew attention to the desirability of paving purely Chinese streets through which the tramway is laid with granite chips instead of macadam. The experimental section of the Chekiang Road then authorized has proved successful, being laid with improved method, and it is now decided to complete the section from the Canton Road to the Soochow Creek, i.e., Chekiang and Hoopeh Roads.

Boundary Road.—At the request of the Company the Council assents to the track at the corner of Boundary and North Honan Roads remaining in its present position, with the reservation that it shall be transferred to the line approved at the beginning of the year, whenever in the Council's opinion, such transfer shall be considered desirable.

Yangkingpang Bridges.—The following further letters, in continuation of the correspondence contained in the Municipal Gazette of August 5, are ordered for publication:—

Council Room,
Shanghai, August 28, 1909.

SIR,—In continuation of my letter of July 30, and in accordance with an arrangement made at a meeting between your Engineer Mr. Arnould, the Acting Municipal Engineer and the General Managers of the two Tramway Companies, I am directed to hand you, herein enclosed, a plan showing a proposed reinforced concrete bridge over the Yangkingpang at the Bund.

If the French Council will approve this general design (after Mr. Arnould has inspected the detailed specifications and calculations), tenders for the construction of the bridge may be called for jointly by the two Councils.

The Council is informed that if the tender of the expert engineer, to whom reference is made in your letter of July 24, is not accepted, your Council would prefer to contribute a specified sum of Tls. 30,000 towards the cost, rather than partake of any responsibility in the matter. I am directed therefore to request that you will confirm this arrangement.

It appears that this bridge can be erected in instalments in such a manner that no cessation of traffic will take place, and I am directed to suggest that while the cost of a temporary wooden bridge for vehicles and pedestrians may be considered part of the general expense, that of fixing a temporary 12-foot bridge, to consist of the girders of the present structure, be borne by the Tramway Companies in lieu of the strengthening expense which they would under this scheme not be called upon to defray.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

G. LAFERRIÈRE, Esq.,
Secretary, French Municipal Council.

Council Room,
Shanghai, September 29, 1909.

SIR,—In continuation of my letter of August 28, on the subject of the projected reinforced concrete bridge over the Yangkingpang at the Bund, I am directed to forward to you, herewith enclosed, a report by the Acting Municipal Engineer containing certain theoretical calculations for use in connexion with the construction of the bridge, together with a detailed plan.

I am further to remind you that no reply has yet been received to my letter above mentioned, and that the calling of tenders for the work awaits confirmation of the scheme by the French Council.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

G. LAFERRIÈRE, Esq.,
Secretary, French Municipal Council.

Translation of letter from the French Council to the Council dated October 29, 1909.

SIR,—Referring to your letters of August 28 and September 29, I am directed to inform you that the question of strengthening the Bund Bridge being closely connected with that of the joint running of the two Tramway Companies, will shortly be investigated by the Council at the same time as the latter of these questions, which is at present the subject of examination on the part of the Municipal Departments concerned.

I am, etc.,
G. LAFERRIÈRE,
Secretary.

W. E. LEVESON, Esq.,
Secretary, Municipal Council.

Tenders.

That of Sah Jin-kee is accepted for supply of cast iron windows for the new workshops at the Gaol, Tls. 860. Other tenderers are—

Soy Chong	Tls. 975
Kien Chong	1,232

The meeting adjourns at 5.40 p.m.

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Notification of Infectious Disease.

The following have been reported during the week ending Sunday, November 7, 1909.	Death among Chinese population of 550,000	Cases notified among Non-Chinese population of 15,000.
Small-pox.	1	0
Cholera.	0	0
Typhoid Fever	—	1
Diphtheria.	0	0
Scarlet Fever.	0	0
Tuberculosis	12	0
Plague	0	0
Total Deaths from all Causes	161	5

ARTHUR STANLEY,
Health Officer.

Public Band.

Public Performances.—Until further notice, performances will be given in the Town Hall every Sunday at 4.30 p.m. and every Friday at 5.30 p.m.

On Sundays an orchestral concert will be given and on Fridays dance music will be played. The public is reminded that children under ten years of age are not admitted to the Sunday concerts.

The attendance on Sunday, November 7, numbered 742, and the Hall was emptied in 5 minutes.

The programme for Sunday next, November 4, is as follows:—

1. Overture "Hebrides"...Mendelssohn
2. Ballet Music (No. II) "Rosamund" ..... Schubert
3. Selection "Faust" ... Gounod

4. Overture "Rienzi" ... Wagner
5. (*a*) "Witches' Ride" (*b*) Waltz from "Hansel and Gretel" .....Humperdinck
6. Slavonic Dances, Nos. 4 & 1 ..... Dvorák

Conductor, Mr. R. Buck.

Private Services.—The charge for the services of the Band is Tls. 40, and of a Half-Band, consisting of not less than 3 European and 12 Manila musicians, Tls. 25 per hour or part of an hour.

The services of a smaller number of musicians may be engaged at the rate of Tls. 3 per hour for European, and Tls. 1.50 per hour for Manila musicians.

One rehearsal is permitted without fee, all subsequent rehearsals are charged for at half of the above rates.

For the services of a soloist an additional fee of Tls. 25 is charged, inclusive of such rehearsals as are necessary.

If special music is required special arrangements must be made.

Engagements for more than three performances during a season are subject to a reduction of 20 per cent, for more than twelve performances 40 per cent.

For Sunday performances or services involving marching through the streets double rates are charged.

24 hours' notice is required for the cancellation of any engagement.

The cost of conveyance of musicians for distances beyond a radius of 1 mile from the Municipal offices, Kiangse Road, must be defrayed by the persons engaging them.

The European musicians are allowed to give private music lessons, with the Conductor's permission obtained in each case.

Departmental Report by the Superintendent of Parks and Open Spaces to the Municipal Engineer for September.

Public Garden.—At this time of the year the chief work in the garden is the sweeping up of fallen leaves and preparation of the flower-beds and borders for winter planting. Chrysanthemums have been planted and with their varied and bright colours should form the chief attraction during the next six weeks. The usual routine of sweeping, mowing lawns, lopping off branches from the trees, trimming hedges, and general cleaning has been continued throughout the month.

Reserve Garden.—The chief consideration here has been the housing and preparation of the plants for the coming winter. The Poinsettias (Euphobia pulcherrima) are already staged in their winter quarters, and many others will follow as soon as space can be made available. Bulbs of Hyacinths, Roman Hyacinths, Narcissus and Tulips have been potted for early flowering in the spring. Seeds of Primulas, Primula obconica, Kalanchoe Flammea, Senecia Auriculatissimus, Cineraria, Cyclamen, Streptocarpus, etc., have been sown to provide a continual display of flowers in the spring.

Public Recreation Ground.—The flower-beds have been renovated and planted according to the season. The chief work has been the staking of Chrysanthemums, edging of walks, cleaning out creeks, with the rolling and mowing of lawns, and sweeping of paths.

Hongkew Recreation Ground.—Digging and cleaning herbaceous borders, planting and staking Chrysanthemums, mowing, weeding and rolling lawns has constituted the chief work in this Park during the past month. Now that golfing has begun in earnest particular attention is being paid to the new golf greens to get them into good playing order.

Nurseries.—The young trees have been pruned and the beds cleaned and weeded. The seeds of bedding flowering plants have been sown for next summer and many of the seedlings have been pricked out.

Roadside Trees.—In the Western and Eastern Districts, the lopping of dead branches from the trees has been continued. Also the tying and staking attended to. The number of trees refastened during the month was 1,400.

Cathedral Compound.—The paths have been repaired and the lawns mown and weeded.

General.—At Brenan Piece, Quinsan Square, Bund and Soochow Road Foreshores, Carriage Turn, Victoria Nursing Home, Municipal Hospital, Bubbling Well Cemetery Extension, Chinese Public School, and the Police stations, the lawns have been mown and weeded and the flower borders planted.

J. GILES,
Acting Superintendent.

Municipal Laboratory.

Analyses and tests will be made for the public as follows:—

1.—The right is reserved of refusing samples which may not be of sufficient public importance to warrant analysis.

2.—Where purity of food is in question, which may influence Public Health, analysis may, at the discretion of the Health Officer, be undertaken at a nominal fee.

3.—The locality from which samples come must be clearly described.

4.—Crushed samples will not be received for analysis.

5.—All samples analysed will remain the property of the Council.

6.—The Council will not recognize any claims arising from results of analysis.

SCALE OF FEES.

	Tls.
Water (chemical and bacterial):	50
Milk.	5
Butter.	30
Liquors.	40
Minerals, alloys, metals, etc.:	
Qualitative test for one constituent	10
Qualitative analysis complete	25
Quantitative analysis: each constituent	35
Coal:	
General analysis	35
Calorific value	15
Petrol, benzine, kerosene, lubricating and other oils:	
General analysis	50
Flash point only	5
Building materials: cement, mortar, lime, etc.:	
Chemical and physical tests as to quality	50
Toxicological examinations:	
Qualitative	50
Quantitative	100

Fees for other examinations and any further information can be obtained on application to the Health Office.

Quantities which should be submitted for analysis:—

Milk and Liquors,	1 pint
Butter	1 pound
Water	1 gallon

When bacterial examination is required water should be sent packed in ice except in very cold weather.

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Summary of Revenue for September

Description	Estimate	1909			1908			1907		
		Number	Amount	Total from January 1.	Number	Amount	Total from January 1.	Number	Amount	Total from January 1
	Tls.		Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.		Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.		Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.
LAND TAX	685,400	—	42,824.88	657,615.79	—	138,562.41	611,631.81	—	129,518.97	424,068.01
GENERAL MUNICIPAL RATE—										
Foreign	499,800	—	16,745.06	359,188.36	—	37,570.67	329,734.76	—	21,714.79	263,377.91
Native	650,400	—	22,190.83	500,639.94	—	44,446.64	473,088.42	—	27,183.56	405,950.77
WHARFAGE DUES	160,000	—	44,845.24	130,142.95	—	41,861.62	121,249 41	—	46,325.96	139,620.19
LICENSE FEES—										
Foreign Hotel and Tavern	6,500	1	21.00	5,595.01	—	—	4,609.08	—	—	4,151.50
Foreign Liquor Seller	18,000	2	53.26	13,124.92	4	140.00	13,849.71	1	4.44	14,143.86
Restaurant	4,700	—	—	3,230.00	—	—	3,590.00	—	—	3,510.00
Billiard and Bowling Saloon	700	—	—	453.00	1	7.00	511.50	2	6.00	501.00
Native Club	4,000	—	—	1,583.33	—	—	—	—	—	—
Native Lodging-house	6,600	6	23.00	5,336.00	1	1.00	4,856.23	5	5.11	3,506.42
Native wine-shop	16,000	7	25.50	10,831.50	1	1.50	7,266.96	10	26.94	5,647.07
Tea-shop	7,500	595	773.00	6,181.76	574	519.32	4,334.55	543	458.11	4,008.92
Foreign Theatre	1,800	27	387.00	3,396.00	15	215.00	1,552.00	11	112.00	1,084.35
Native Theatre	3,600	24	396.00	3,222.50	21	330.00	2,689.00	20	210.00	2,032.50
Pawn-shop	17,000	—	—	12,338.22	—	—	13,124.94	190	4,015.33	13,492.24
Opium-shop	17,000	240	2,325.00	15,134.70	136	652.80	3,887.20	86	341.62	3,235.04
Opium-house	35,000	300	2,816.50	32,264.92	1,015	3,366.73	38,708.19	1,511	4,945.77	46,252.15
Cargo Boat	5,800	996	496.72	3,858.60	862	488 72	3,909.52	814	465.97	4,277.36
Ferry and Passenger Boat	1,100	61	90.64	804.57	66	97.02	825.04	60	93.73	904.47
Steam Launch	2,200	46	68.26	1,681.94	44	64.68	1,672.16	45	65.70	1,646.11
Native Boat	3,700	1,670	291.19	2,561.77	1,698	319.79	2,806.02	1,235	312.33	2,874.28
Sampan	1,500	201	149.32	1,057.20	136	136.69	1,134.49	214	155.97	1,293.31
Private-owned Pony and Carriage	14,500	P. 95 C. 72	323.61	12,008.91	P. 97 C. 85	346.90	11,251.56	P. 141 C. 110	320.63	9,197.71
Livery Stable	26,000	P. 759 C. 593	2,325.23	20,756.85	P. 742 C. 572	2,227.30	21,129.25	P. 800 C. 627	2,406.86	22,563.87
Motor Car	2,500	13	41 00	2,251.00	8	25.00	1,790.34	16	23.68	1,080.53
Cart	20,000	923	1,436.00	13,715.43	931	1,130.33	12,346.26	1,019	1,262.54	12,919.35
Private-owned Ricsha	38,000	176	303.08	30,533.84	120	213.55	26,940.64	652	252.07	23,527.58
Public Ricsha	107,000	8,248	9,192.29	84,185.62	7,846	8,658.83	79,891.70	7,928	8,641.17	81,179.18
Sedan-chair	5,200	37	83.93	3,283.43	24	64.62	4,121.33	19	33.53	4,274.66
Wheel-barrow	39,000	6,504	3,256.69	27,327.39	7,134	2,649.96	25,413.41	6,850	2,905.21	27,900.52
Firearms	2,700	—	—	1,800.00	—	—	1,350.00	—	—	—
Dog	1,000	76	56.70	844.72	75	55.12	878.19	71	51.83	760.87
RENT OF MUNICIPAL PROPERTIES—										
Markets	38,000	3,305	3,254.65	27,675.00	3,194	3,149.01	26,652.38	2,881	2,958.96	23,302.80
Town Hall	1,000	—	—	570.00	—	—	295.00	—	—	2,741.00
Firemen's Quarters	2,500	—	388.00	1,589.00	—	130.00	1,208.00	—	87.00	1,110.00
Miscellaneous			—	562.04						
FROM PUBLIC COMPANIES—										
Gas Co., Ld.	6,000	—	467.95	3,873.02	—	503.11	4,421.55	—	480.18	3,677.52
Mutual Telephone Co., Ld	3,000	—	—	3,000.00	—	—	—	—	—	—
Electric Construction Co., Ld.	15,000	—	4,181.83	11,870.36	—	3,480.51	7,176.81	—	—	—
Total Tls.	2,469,700		159,833.86	2,016,089.59		291,415.85	1,869,897.43		265,385.96	1,559,813.05

A. JOHNSFORD,
Overseer of Taxes.

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MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION.

No. 1888.

TOWN HALL.

NOTICE is hereby given that the charge for the use of the Town Hall for dances or other social functions is Tls. 130 per diem, exclusive of the cost of electricity consumed.

The charge for the North Room only, inclusive of lighting, is Tls. 15 per diem or Tls. 10 for the afternoon only.

Applications should be addressed to the undersigned.

By order,

W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

Council Room,
Shanghai, November 18, 1908.

AT the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, November 10, 1909, at 4.30 p.m., there are present :

Messrs. D. Landale (*Chairman*)
H. De Gray
F. C. Heffer
W. D. Little
H. A. J. Macray
O. Meuser
W. A. C. Platt
J. Prentice
T. E. Trueman
The Secretary and
Assistant Secretary.

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

The minutes of the last meeting are read, confirmed, signed by the Chairman and passed for publication.

Volunteers.

Staff.—The commission of Major T. E. Trueman, which will expire on November 13, is authorized for renewal.

German Company.—The resignation of Lieutenant H. Rix is received and recorded. This officer, after six years service in the Corps, has to resign on the ground that his position as Lieutenant is contrary to the conditions of his agreement, and the Council records an expression of regret at the loss of his services.

American Company.—Upon the recommendation of the Commandant a commission as 2nd Lieutentant is authorized for issue to Mr. W. E. Sauer, at present on leave in America, to enable him to undergo a course of instruction at the United States Army Post at Presidio, San Francisco.

Police.

Foreign Branch.—The transfer of Constable Welch to the Detective Branch isauthorized with effect from August 1. Constable H. Murray is appointed Plain Clothes Constable with effect from November 1.

Fruit-Hawkers.—A letter from the Mixed Court Magistrate is read, on the subject of the incursion of a number of hawkers and their families into the Court on November 6. They made complaint of the action of the Police in confiscating their wares, and otherwise interfering with their means of livelihood. The Police report on the case shows that recently drastic action was taken with regard to the fruit-hawkers who were infesting the Sinza District. Fruit-hawking is prohibited under Notification No. 1981 issued in the vernacular Press, the text of which is as follows :—

For the protection of the Public Health, no unsound food, including fruit, vegetables, ice-cream, iced drinks and aerated waters will be allowed to be exposed for sale. Cut or peeled fruits, including melons, will be considered to be unsound.

"Offenders will be liable to prosecution "and to have their unsound foodstuffs "confiscated. Where ice-cream, iced "drinks or aerated waters are found "being made in an insanitary manner, "the apparatus of manufacture will be "liable to confiscation."

A reply to the Magistrate is directed explaining the circumstances of the case, and alluding to the fact that a very large number of these hawkers reside beyond the boundary of the Settlement, and that their entry in any capacity is considered undesirable.

Fire Brigade.

Annual Parade.—At the Annual Parade fixed for November 20, the Brigade will muster on the Soochow Road between the Rowing Club and the Garden Bridge about 1.30 p.m. and from there proceed, viâ the Bund, up the Nanking Road to the Public Recreation Ground where the inspection will be held at 2.30 p.m.

Stud.—Upon the recommendation of the Chief Engineer, the purchase of two Russian horses is decided, at a cost not exceeding Roubles 600. Mr. Bidwell adds that these horses have been found by experience superior to Australian animals.

Electricity Department.

Exhibition at Chang Su-ho's Garden.—A proposal by the Electrical Engineer, supported also by the Committee concerned, is submitted, that the Department avail of the opportunity which this forthcoming exhibition offers to show arc lamps and motors in working, with a view to the further development of the business of hiring these appliances to consumers. It is suggested that such an exhibit may be the subject of adverse criticism among a section of the community, but the Chairman points out that the course is followed extensively in England, citing instances at Hull, Dublin, Hampstead, and Shoreditch in evidence of the statement. The members are unanimous in the opinion that it is the duty of the Council to increase the scope of this Municipal Industrial Undertaking by this and every available means.

Land Commission.

The Council is informed of the application of the Yokohama Specie Bank, Case LXX, to be represented by Mr. Oppe, a member of the legal firm of Drummond, White-Cooper & Phillips. So far as the Council is concerned, no objection will be raised to this arrangement.

Settlement Extension.

The following further letters on this subject are ordered for publication :—

Council Room,
Shanghai, October 23, 1909.

SIR,—I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of October 18, enclosing copies of the Consular Body's dispatch to the Viceroy at Nanking of August 21, and of his reply.

The Council notes with concern that His Excellency makes no substantial answer to the very cogent reasons which have been put before him for expanding the boundaries of the Foreign Settlement and adds little to what has already been said by his predecessor on the subject.

I have the honour to state that Settlement Extension is at present not merely a matter of desirable development, but a pressing necessity if satisfactory administration and harmonious relations with the local authorities are to be maintained. For this reason it appears to the Council requisite to do more than to address communications to a responsible high official who bestows on the matter so scant consideration. The Council is

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aware that it is the opinion of certain of the representatives of the Treaty Powers in Peking that local agreement on this subject is a necessary preface to the attainment of formal assent by the Chinese Government, and I have therefore the honour to inquire whether the Consular Body would concur in and act on the suggestion that a delegation of three or more of its number proceed to Nanking for the purpose of pressing the question upon His Excellency's notice, and affording him first-hand information as to how matters at present stand in and about the existing boundary.

The proposal which I make is the outcome of serious reflexion on the part of the Council, and I venture to express the hope that it may meet with the approval of yourself and your colleagues of the Consular Body.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,
DAVID LANDALE,
Chairman.

D. SIFFERT, Esq.,
Consul-General for Belgium,
and Senior Consul.

Shanghai, November 12, 1909.

SIR,—I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of October 23 inquiring whether the Consular Body would be disposed to delegate three or more of its members to go to Nanking for the purpose of pressing the question of Settlement extension upon the Governor-General's notice.

The expediency of such a step had already received the Consuls' attention and I have now been directed to communicate with the Governor-General in that sense.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,
D. SIFFERT,
Consul-General for Belgium,
and Senior-Consul.

D. LANDALE, Esq.,
Chairman, Municipal Council.

Ratepayers Meeting.

Rules of Proceedure:—A memorandum by the Finance Committee, upon the Report of the Special Committee appointed for the discussion of this subject is read and adopted, together with a proposed new set of rules, wherein are embodied such of the Committee's recommendations as have been found acceptable under legal advice. It is decided to invite the members of the Committee to meet the Finance Committee, should they so desire, for further discussion of the matter, and thereafter to publish the whole of the documents in a special number of the Municipal Gazette.

Voting List:—Arising out of the foregoing minute, and in accordance with the Special Committee's proposal, it is decided to follow the exact provisions of Article XIX of the Land Regulations by the issue on December 1 of a complete alphabetical Voting List, giving the names of the voters, and in the case of firms, companies, absentees, etc., the names of their representatives.

Tenders.

Of the tenders received in response to Municipal Notification No. 1982 for the supply and delivery at the Electricity Works of 32,950 electric lamps, it is decided, upon the recommendation of the Electricity Committee, to divide the contracts between the following:—

(*a*) *9,700 Carbon Filament Lamps:*—
Messrs. Brighten, Malcolm & Co. 'Cryselco' 4,850 lamps £132.0.0
The Shanghai Elect. & Asbestos Co., Ld. 'Robertson' 4,850 lamps £131.10s.

(*b*) *23,250 Metallic Filament Lamps:*—
Messrs. Brighten, Malcolm & Co. 'Cryselco' 11,625 lamps £1,336.14.3.
The Shanghai Elect. & Asbestos Co., Ld. 'Osram' 11,625 lamps £1,472.10s.

The remaining tenders are as follows:—

(*a*) 9,700 CARBON FILAMENT LAMPS.

Name	*Make*	*Delivery Weeks*	*Price*
L. Murat	Paris	10	£161
Andersen, Meyer & Co.	B.T.H.	12	197
Scott, Harding & Co.	Austrian	14	215
Alois Schweiger & Co., Ld.	Kremenzky	18	222
Melchers & Co.	Korlher Speller & Co.	16	223
Siemssen & Co.	Siemens & Halske	12	225
Arnhold, Karberg & Co.	A.E.G.	10	240
Innis & Riddle	Laidler Ritchie	16	241
Dodwell & Co., Ld.	Ediswan	10	242
W. Klose & Co.	Phœbus	15	246
Andersen, Meyer & Co.	G.E.C. (Tokio)	—	247
Reiss & Co.	Ediswan	14	254
Andersen, Meyer & Co.	G.E.C.	15	259
Von During, Wibel & Co.	Vickers Sons & Maxim	14	270
Shewan, Tomes & Co.	Brit. Westinghouse Co.	—	271
Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ld.	Sunbeam	12-14	275
do.	Robertson	11-12	276
Westphal, King & Ramsay, Ld.	Robertson	13	283
Shanghai Dock & Eng. Co., Ld.	Ediswan	10	284
Sheldon, Bakels & Co.	Robertson	10-12	285
Takata & Co.	Robertson	14	287
Samuel, MacGregor & Co., Ld.	Sunbeam	4 f.o.b.	289
Scott, Harding & Co.	Cryselco	4 f.o.b.	303
Dickeson, Jones & Co.	Austrian	26	306
Siemens Schuckertwerke	Cryselco	18	326
Shanghai Machine Co.	Cryselco	15	328
Mitsui Bussan Kaisha	Japanese	10	348

(*b*) 23,250 METALLIC FILAMENT LAMPS.

Name	*Make*	*Delivery Weeks*	*Price*
Andersen, Meyer & Co.	G.E.C.	15	£2,061
Siemens Schuckertwerke	Tantalum	18	2,081
L. Murat	Paris	10	2,402
Westphal, King & Ramsay	Phillips	17	2,490
Dodwell & Co., Ld.	Tantalum	16	2,541
Alois Schweiger & Co., Ld.	Kremenzky	22	2,541
Siemssen & Co.	Felten & Guilleame	10-26	2,571
Melchers & Co.	J. Pintszch	17	2,593
Arnhold, Karberg & Co.	A.E.G.	12	2,643
Scott, Harding & Co.	Tantalum	6 f.o.b.	2,682
do.	Wolfram	14	2,808
Shewan, Tomes & Co.	Brit. Westinghouse Co.	—	2,883
Innis & Riddle	"Z" & Co.	26	2,937
Andersen, Meyer & Co.	{Deutsche Gasgluhlicht Actiengesellschaft}	—	3,018
Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ld.	German Gas Light Co.	11-12	3,044
Shanghai Dock & Eng. Co., Ld.	Tantalum	14	3,050
Sheldon, Bakels & Co.	Osram	14	3,084
Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ld.	Osram	15-16	3,139
Takata & Co.	Osram	14	3,167
W. Klose & Co.	Osram	12	3,183
Westphal, King & Ramsay, Ld.	Osram	17	3,193
Pinfold & Co.	Monowatt	25	3,205
Evans & Co.	Osram	17	3,214
Takata & Co.	Osram	16	3,219
Von During, Wibel & Co.	Vickers Sons & Maxim	14	3,299
Samuel, MacGregor & Co., Ld.	Sumbeam	12 f.o.b.	3,507
Dickeson, Jones & Co.	Austrian	26	3,564
Shanghai Machine Co.	Cryselco	15-21	3,678
Reiss & Co.	Ediswan	25	3,883

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The meeting adjourns at 6.10 p.m.

Notification of Infectious Disease.

The following have been reported during the week ending Sunday, Nov. 14, 1909.	Death among Chinese population of 550,000	Cases notified among Non-Chinese population of 15,000.
Small-pox.	0	0
Cholera.	0	0
Typhoid Fever	—	2
Diphtheria.	3	1
Scarlet Fever.	0	0
Tuberculosis	15	0
Plague	0	0
Total Deaths from all Causes	124	3

ARTHUR STANLEY,
Health Officer.

Public Band.

Public Performances.—Until further notice, performances will be given in the Town Hall every Sunday at 4.30 p.m. and every Friday at 5.30 p.m.

On Sundays an orchestral concert will be given and on Fridays dance music will be played. The public is reminded that children under ten years of age are not admitted to the Sunday concerts.

The attendance on Sunday, November 14, numbered 1,085, and the Hall was emptied in 6 minutes.

The programme for Sunday next, November 21, is as follows:—

1. Overture "Zampa"..... Hérold
2. Intermezzi
   (*a*) "Pagliacci"..... Leoncavallo
   (*b*) "Tales of Hoffmann" Offenbach
3. Selection "Romeo and Juliet" ..... Gounod

4. Overture "Die Entführung" Mozart
5. Andante from Symphony No. 6, G major ..... Haydn
6. Selection "The Trumpeter of Säkkingen" ..... Nessler

Conductor-in-charge, Mr. R. Buck.

Report of Captain-Superintendent of Police for October.

Strength of the Force on October 31, 1909.

Officers	8
Foreigners	221
Sikhs	480
Chinese	969
Clerical and Teaching Staff ...	46
Supernumeraries ...	110
Total ...	1,834

Fires.—During the month of October fires were slightly on the increase. Altogether 19 cases were reported, 2 of which were out of limits. Of the 19 cases 5 were extinguished by the Fire Brigade (1 out of limits) the remainder by the Police, neighbours or inmates. In the case of 12 of the 19 fires the premises were uninsured.

In addition to the fires 6 cases of attempted arson were reported. It is apparent that these attempts are the work of an organized gang who intend to take the opportunity of a conflagration to rob the fired or neighbouring houses. In one district alone 7 attempts at arson were reported between October 20 and November 8 When it is considered that the possibility of firing the whole street is by no means unlikely it is not easy to conceive anything which more justly deserves the severest punishment than do these attempted cases of arson.

Crime.—During October ordinary petty offences have remained at a normal level.

Two outbreaks of more serious crime have occurred and in both the efforts of the Police in their endeavours to bring the offenders to justice met with success.

In the first of the cases referred to a certain gang from an outport were traced and broken up after being responsible for 18 burglaries, 8 larcenies and one case of housebreaking.

In the second case a notorious bank note gang, who had been able to put in circulation some hundreds of forged notes, were eventually run down, captured, and after a considerable number of the notes had been recovered, were sentenced to various terms of imprisonment ranging from 5 years to one year.

Now that the winter season is approaching it is considered advisable to offer a warning to householders and others as to due care in the matter of leaving their houses open in the evenings or late afternoons. Chinese servants as is perfectly well known, are not always sufficiently careful to watch the living apartments in a house during the absence of their masters. It is frequently found that as soon as the owners of a house have gone out the servants, when they remain on the premises, never quit their own quarters, and this when ground floor windows and doors perhaps opening into a garden or some sheltered back road are all left wide open.

Another difficulty which has to be contended with is the practice of having in certain buildings only one public entrance serving various flats or sets of offices. In Europe, as a rule, such entrances are carefully watched by a porter in charge so as to guard against the intrusion of unauthorized persons who have no business there at all but who pretend to have.

The ease with which duplicate keys can be secured in Shanghai points to the fact that some owners of buildings are not always as careful as they might be in the matter of in whose hands the original keys are placed.

Sikh Branch.—It is necessary to refer once again to the insubordinate behaviour of certain members of the Sikh Branch of the Force which behaviour has, I regret to say, caused serious trouble during the last few months.

The misconduct of the men concerned culminated during September and October in indirect refusal of duty under various excuses all of which were so devised as to neutralise the authority of those in charge.

The misbehaviour of certain Indians, who are unfortunately British subjects, is becoming a somewhat serious question in China. Not only in Shanghai but also in other ports complaints may be heard that the conditions under which Indians are allowed to quit their native land and to come to China are unsatisfactory and require alteration. So serious is this question, so far as it concerns the Police Force in Shanghai, that the employment of Sikhs in the S.M.P. may necessitate inquiry as to the possibility of selecting an altogether different class of Indian recruit.

The whole crux of this question lies in the fact that many natives of India are completely thrown off their balance mentally and morally on arrival in China by the, to them, extraordinary conditions in which they find themselves.

Deprived of the controlling influence which their home environment supplies in the shape of native public opinion, and freed from the wholesome guidance which their religious authorities exert very strongly, these men find themselves let loose to not only use, but abuse, the ordinary freedom of action of a decently brought-up European, and this because unfortunately for themselves and this community they are allowed a latitute such as Orientals brought up under the conditions these Indians have been cannot stand.

So far as concerns the S M.P. and the bad characters to whom reference has been made above, the immediate trouble may be put down to reports of the high wages said to be offered on the Eastern Pacific Coast at the present time. To endeavour to free themselves from their just and legal contract with the Municipal Council has therefore been the main object of these Sikhs. It is useless to try and place before such men the fraudulent nature of their actions, or to attempt to reason with them,

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Men of this kind are lost to all sense of decency and can only be controlled by a disciplinary code, which while absolutely just, is severe, and able rapidly to be enforced.

Foreign Loafers. — Attention has once more been directed to flagrant cases of fraudulent begging by foreign loafers.

The presence of these undesirable characters within Settlement limits is well known to be a difficult problem to deal with. At the same time, the general public can help to put down this nuisance to a very great extent if they will only refrain from private and indiscriminate charity. Not until gifts of money to house-to-house beggars are firmly refused will these worthless characters withdraw from the Settlement. In five cases out of six such charity is simply spent in drink. There are men, perfectly well known to the Police, who are habitual loafers, constantly drunk, in possession of money, and are known never to do a hand's turn of work.

One of the difficulties with which the Police have to cope in the recovery of stolen property is to ascertain how and where it has been disposed of. When it passes through the usual Chinese channels to trace the property is a matter of no great difficulty. There is at present, however, very good reason to suppose that unusual means are being made use of for the disposal of stolen property, and it may possibly be handled by these loafers who may even be working with Chinese thieves.

RETURN OF CONVICT LABOUR FOR OCTOBER, 1909.

	Tls.
Net value of work performed for the P.W.D.	763.27
Less. Sandals and repairs to carts	106.87
Total for labour ...	656.40
Work completed in addition to that for the P.W.D. ...	2,296.84
Less. Cost of raw material .	1,464.53
Total for labour ...	832.31
Grand total for labour.	1,488.71

Here follow tables of persons coming under the notice of the Police for criminal and other offences, punishments inflicted, prisoners in custody, vehicles licenses suspended and confiscated, dogs captured, etc., value of property stolen and recovered, and warrants and summonses.

C. D. BRUCE,
Captain-Superintendent of Police.

Return of Persons coming under the notice of Police for Criminal and other Offences.

Offences.	Foreigners	Natives	Total
(*a*) OFFENCES AGAINST THE PERSON:—			
Murder		3	3
Attempted suicide		4	4
Cutting and wounding		1	1
Assault	2	53	55
Kidnapping		34	34
Cruelty to or trafficking in women or children		16	16
Contempt of Court		2	2
Bringing false charge		3	3
Adultery		4	4
Malicious injury to person		4	4
Breach of King's Regulations	9		9
(*b*) OFFENCES AGAINST RIGHTS OF PROPERTY:—			
Embezzlement		7	7
Extortion		7	7
Burglary		14	14
Housebreaking		10	10
Obtaining goods or money by false pretences	1	9	10
Fraud		12	12
Receiving stolen property		12	12
Unlawful possession		24	24
Uttering		15	15
Malicious injury		11	11
Larceny	1	273	274
Civil Offences :—			
Debt		30	30
Breach of Contract		7	7
Others		35	35
Criminal negligence (fires)		4	4
Trespass		7	7
(*c*) ACTS INJURIOUS TO THE PUBLIC :—			
Common nuisances		1840	1840
Vagrancy	1	74	75
Returning after expulsion		23	23
Disorderly and improper conduct	12	186	198
Soliciting prostitution	7	24	31
Depositing garbage		78	78
Traffic :—Furious driving		7	7
Obstruction		1813	1813
Escaping from custody (convicts)		5	5
Cruelty to animals		7	7
Public gambling		12	12
Illegal arrest or detention		4	4
Insanitary premises		9	9
Harbouring criminals		4	4
Loitering		16	16
Excessive storage of straw		4	4
Arms, unlawful carrying		2	2
Fire-arms, unlawful discharging	1		1
Conducting a lottery		4	4
Miscellaneous		41	41
Evading license:—			
Liquor	1		1
Dog	3		3
Laundry	2		2
Breach of license conditions : –			
Club		1	1
Dog	15	12	27
Lodging-house		10	10
Opium-shop		3	3
Tea-shop		7	7
Market		9	9
Laundry		1	1
Wine-shop		4	4
Pawn-shop		1	1
(*d*) NOT CHARGED :—			
Beggars, Hawkers, Ragpickers		2894	2894
Others	21	419	440
Total	76	8,115	8,191

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Return of Sentences, Decisions, etc.

Sentence.	Foreigners	Natives	Total
Imprisonment	17	440	457
Cangue		1	1
Expulsion or deportation		7	7
Fined	25	345	370
Imprisonment and cangue		5	5
" " expulsion		45	45
" cangue and expulsion		8	8
Bail forfeited...		3,651	3,651
Remanded	1		1
Cautioned	5	31	36
Dismissed	4	40	44
Released on Security		52	52
Left to Court		40	40
Handed to parents or guardians		15	15
Sent to Reformatory		9	9
" Sinza Refuge		89	89
" Door of Hope		3	3
" Native Authorities		9	9
Charge withdrawn		2	2
Sent to French Authorities...		3	3
Settled out of Court...		4	4
To complete work within a certain time... ...		2	2
Detained at Mixed Court		1	1
Sent on board ship in custody	3		3
Total ...	55	4,802	4,857

Prisoners in Custody on September 30.

Central Station	39
Louza Station	58
Hongkew Station	40
West Hongkew Station	22
Harbin Road Sub-Station	9
Wayside Station	23
Gaol	779
Yangtszepoo Station	8
Sinza Station	22
Bubbling Well Station	13
Total	1,013

Vehicle Licenses.

	Suspended	Confiscated
Ricsha	1,262	2,325
Wheelbarrow	9	nil
Handcart	nil	nil
Total	1,271	2,325

Value of Property Stolen between September 25 and October 29.

	Dollars
Stolen	34,553.80
Recovered	14,351.60

Warrants and Summonses.

	Issued	Executed or Served
Warrants	65	28
Summonses	182	156

Dogs.

At Kennels Sept.30,09	13	227
Captured	214	
Returned	34	227
At Observation Kennels	3	
Killed	174	
Remaining at Kennels	16	

Health Officer's Report for October.

The Public Health continued satisfactory. There was an almost complete absence of the ordinary infectious diseases.

Cases of sporadic dysentery due to mechanical irritation, unsterilised food, etc., continued common in the beginning of the month and there were also cases of endemic amœbic dysentery followed by liver abscess. Bacillar dysentery, however, appears to be infrequent in Shanghai, even among the Japanese, who are prone to it in their own country.

Five plague-infected rats were found during the month, as against 1, 2, 2 and 1 during the four preceding months. The rat catch has, by improved methods, reached a total of close on 12,000 during the month, the biggest yet recorded. After an interval rendered necessary by the hot weather, poisoning, which is a very powerful measure against rats though one requiring the greatest care in its application, is being resumed. Residents are requested to make their houses as rat-proof as possible and to take steps so that food is not provided for rats in or around houses. All foods should be kept inaccessible to rats. Grain and food for ponies, fowls, etc., should be kept in covered galvanised iron receptacles. It should be seen that the servants keep their rice bags where rats cannot get. House refuse should be kept in properly covered galvanised iron receptacles, obtainable from the Health Office, and it should be seen that they are covered, especially at night. The kitchen and its surroundings should be kept very clean and no refuse allowed to lie about.

Mosquito extermination work terminated at the end of the month, having been in operation since the middle of April. The results may be held to be satisfactory, so far as they go; a considerable diminution in the number of mosquitoes having been effected, estimated at from 25 per cent to 75 per cent. The work of the Chinese staff has required very careful foreign supervision, as the results of good work have not been directly apparent and the detection of bad work requires assiduous observation on the part of the foreign inspector. The best way would be to have all the work done under the immediate supervision of the foreigner in charge, but, as the benefit derived from this course would be scarcely commensurate with the cost, trial has been tentatively made of the plan of letting the native staff work in couples, giving them definite areas of operation, paying them well and fining heavily for every dereliction of duty discovered by the foreign staff. The Chinese generally look upon the work as "fool pidgin" though the Inspectors have, by roadside lectures in Chinese and practical demonstration of the methods by which mosquitos multiply, succeeded in many cases in convincing the natives of the simplicity and utility of the measures recommended. The cost has been about Tls. 6,000, but it must be remembered that the work was of a somewhat tentative character and is capable of considerable development. More attention could have been given to the work, had not the more important plague-prevention operations monopolised most of the time that could be spared from routine work.

Mosquito extermination work in Shanghai is by no means easy.

In the foreign staff thoroughness and enthusiasm are mostly called for and the goal to be striven after is the total extermination of mosquitoes in the area controlled. The men drafted from the police for this work, with two or three exceptions, were unable to fulfil these conditions; and it is expected that the permanent addition of two assistant inspectors, who will receive the special training necessary for this and other sanitary work, will be the best course, should it be decided to go on with the work.

In the Chinese staff it is necessary to have men with intelligence and initiative, who can enter native premises

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with some degree of authority and get rid of stagnant water without friction or dishonesty. The results required are of a negative nature—absence of mosquitoes—there being nothing tangible to show as an immediate result of the work. Coolies working alone do not like to appear a scource of annoyance to householders by too diligently searching their houses for larvæ; this is not felt when they work under the immediate supervision of a foreigner, as any little trouble the people are put to would naturally be attributed to the foreigner.

The work itself was conducted somewhat as follows. The sanitary districts were divided into areas worked by a couple of coolies. Each couple was provided with an oil—can for oiling gully traps and small accumulations of stagnant water which could not be removed, a pail for holding oil, a garden syringe for spraying larger pieces of stagnant water, a broom for sweeping away small accumulations of water and a spade for cutting trenches for draining low ground and filling up depressions, etc. Barrow coolies (with two barrels) conveyed oil to the coolies and removed tins, jars and what not capable of holding water for mosquitoes to lay their eggs in. Every part of and every house in the districts were supposed to be visited weekly and notices in English and Chinese distributed and explained. The best admixture of oil for the months of April, May and October was found to be half crude oil and half lamp oil; for June and September two parts crude oil to one part of lamp oil and for July and August four parts of crude oil to one part of lamp oil. At no time was crude oil alone found to form a good killing film.

Co-operation was obtained from most foreigners but the majority of Chinese showed a complete indifference, amounting occasionally to active opposition. No prosecutions were undertaken to enforce these mosquito extermination measures but this would appear desirable in flagrant cases after repeated warning.

For future work the following points may be noted. The work should begin on the first of April. A good class of coolie should be obtained, who should be paid at the rate of $10 monthly and heavy fines inflicted on finding mosquito larvae in a place recently worked through. The coolies should work in couples in an area exactly delimited. Each area should be further subdivided into seven for each day in the week and a time-table kept so that it may be known exactly where each mosquito couple is working at any time. The Assistant Inspector should accompany, and give detailed directions to, each pair of coolies early in the season and make written notes of those unusual places where stagnant water is likely to be found, such as native gardens, empty houses, defective paving, gullies in unfrequented places, etc., i.e., those places which are likely to be beyond a coolie's intelligence to think of or beyond his courage to enter; these places subsequently to receive the special attention of the Assistant Inspector. Practicalroad-side demonstrations should be given of the way mosquitoes develope and how to prevent them developing by getting rid of all collections of stagnant water.

The Public Swimming Bath was closed on October 31 after being open since May 7. The number of persons admitted was 13,592 as against 9,831 last year. The increase was due not so much to a greater number of bathers as to the better system of registration effected by the turnstile and to the custom of admitting spectators to the games organized by the International Swimming Club during the evenings of July and August. The bath appears to have been well patronized by all classes, including women and children in the mornings, and to have successfully fulfilled its function. The additions made early in the year to the building contributed towards efficiency of working and, considering the solid and permanent structure of the building, the ventilation during the hot days was better than before. The condition of the water was regularly and carefully tested and, by the use of one part in a million of copper sulphate at each filling, a high degree of purity was maintained and the "sore ears" so frequent an occurrence in local swimming baths were less numerous. Lessons in swimming were given gratis throughout the season by Mr. Terrill, the Assistant Inspector on duty.

Lectures under the auspices of the St. John Ambulance Association have been held in Shanghai from time to time for close on ten years. They were at first organized by the Shanghai First Aid Association which published annual reports in 1900 and 1902. Since the latter year the lectures have been held irregularly and in connexion with the Volunter Corps and the Public School The classes in 'First Aid' have always been popular but those on the equally important subjects of 'Home Nursing' and 'Hygiene' have been comparatively neglected. It is proposed to organize these lectures, as bulwarks against quackery, as a function of the Health Office and to hold a course in all three of the subjects during the present winter. It is proposed to have the 'First Aid' and 'Hygiene' lectures at the rooms of the Royal Asiatic Society, 5 Museum Road, as being central and suitable and to hold the 'Home Nursing' classes at the 'Nursing Home.' Dr. Moore has promised to give the lectures on 'Hygiene' and Dr. Davis those on 'Home Nursing.' The course of ten lectures on 'Hygiene' will be begun shortly while those on 'First Aid' and 'Home Nursing' will be held after Christmas. An examination will be held after each course of lectures for the certificate and medallions awarded by the St. John Ambulance Association. The fee for each course will be $5.00, which will include bandages and other apparatus necessary for the practical work together with the authorized text-book of the subject lectured on. Further particulars will be published in due course and may be obtained from the Health Officer, to whom those desirous of attending the lectures should send their names. As it is advisable that ladies attending the 'Home Nursing' classes should have previously attended a course in 'First Aid,' if a sufficient number of ladies send in their names forthwith to the Health Officer, a special class for ladies in 'First Aid' will be held before Christmas.

Here follow tables of Vital Statistics, Infectious Disease and outdoor Sanitary work, including a special summary of Plague Prevention work and Anti-Mosquito work; work done in the Municipal Laboratory, Municipal Hospitals and Slaughterhouse.

ARTHUR STANLEY,
Health Officer.

DEATHS.

	Foreign. Resident.	Foreign. Non-Resident.	Native.
Small-pox	0	0	1
Cholera	0	0	0
Typhoid Fever ...	0	1	—
Diphtheria	0	0	2
Scarlet Fever.....	0	0	0
Tuberculosis	3	0	68
From all causes ..	21	13	855

INFECTIOUS DISEASE NOTIFIED AMONG FOREIGN RESIDENT POPULATION.

Small-pox	0
Cholera	0
Typhoid Fever	2
Diphtheria	0
Scarlet Fever	0
Tuberculosis	3

MUNICIPAL LABORATORY.

Small-pox vaccine issued ...	840 tubes.
Vaccinations	271
Diphtheria Antitoxin issued..	53 bottles
Cases undergoing anti-rabic treatment	5
Bacteriological examinations	58
Analyses	37

SLAUGHTER-HOUSE RETURNS.

	Slaughtered.	Rejected at Slaughter-house.	Passed for Slaughter from Cattle-sheds.	Passed for Export from Cattle-sheds.	Rejected at Cattle-sheds.
Oxen	1645	2	1645	0	0
Sheep	2679	1	2679	35	2
Calves	405	0	405	0	0
Pigs.....	253	0	253	0	0

VICTORIA NURSING HOME.

Cases admitted	30
Discharged	30
Died	3
Remaining in Home last day of month	26
Nursed outside the Home	6
Daily visits	2
Nursing pre-engagements	2

ISOLATION HOSPITALS

		Foreign.	Chin.
Cases Admitted—	Small-pox.....	0	0
	Cholera.....	0	0
	Typhoid Fever...	0	1
	Diphtheria	0	1
	Scarlet Fever	0	0
	Other Diseases...	1	59
Discharged		4	44
Died		0	9
Remaining last day of month		1	64

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REPORT ON ANALYSIS OF WATER.

Sample received October 29, 1909.

Report sent out November 4, 1909.

Sample of Shanghai Waterworks Co.'s Water.

Physical Characters.—The water has a yellowish green colour with moderate opacity. Faintly alkaline reaction to litmus.

Solid Matter in Solution	12.8
a.—Volatile	6.0
b.—Fixed	6.8
Appearance on Ignition	Slight charring
Total Hardness	7.0
a.—Temporary	3.0
b.—Permanent	4.0
Chlorine	1.85
Nitrogen as Nitrates	0.0552
Saline Ammonia	0.0023
Albuminoid Ammonia	0.0120
Poisonous Metals	Nil
Nitrites	Nil
Phosphates	Nil
Sulphates	Traces.

Bacteriological Examination.—Gelatine plates at 23° C. yielded an average of 26 micro-organisms per c.c.

Agar plates at blood heat showed 10 microbe colonies per c.c.

Organisms of the coli group were present in quantities of 0.3 c.c. and upwards.

Report on Analysis.—A sample of water of good degree of biological and chemical purity.

SUMMARY OF PLAGUE PREVENTION WORK

	District				Total
	Eastern	Northern	Central	Western	
Rats found dead and brought to the Laboratory for examination	249	373	340	138	1100
Rats plague infected	1	2	2	0	5
No. of traps in operation	2200	2400	1500	400	6500
No. of rats trapped and burnt	3273	4635	2571	1465	11948
Poisoned baits laid.	14730	18000	31000	31	58805
Houses temporarily rat-proofed and disinfected under notice to occupiers	613	173	88	0	874
Houses rat-proofed under notice to owners	0	0	0	0	0
Persons vaccinated against plague	0	0	0	0	0

MOSQUITO EXTERMINATION WORK

	District.				Total
	Eastern	Northern	Central	Western	
Stagnant waters on land removed	52	14	0	23	89
Stagnant waters in and around houses removed	4843	4734	0	3761	13338
Stagnant waters oiled weekly	14288	93	0	1947	16328

GENERAL SANITARY WORK.

	District				Total.
	Eastern	Northern	Central	Western	
Vaccination against small-pox	126	50	54	45	275
Enquiries after notification of foreign cases of infectious disease	1	2	0	1	4
Enquiries after notification of Chinese cases of, and deaths from, infectious disease	81	49	149	5	284
Rooms disinfected after infectious disease	36	37	5	11	89
Articles of clothing, bedding, etc., disinfected by steam	2366	101	67	248	2782
Houses cleansed and limewashed	1163	573	183	307	2226
Ventilation and lighting amended	0	12	0	3	15
Defective drainage amended	4	35	28	17	84
Insanitary wells abolished	0	0	1	1	2
Proper water supply provided	0	0	1	0	1
Insanitary latrines and urinals rendered healthy	2	2	4	5	13
Night-soil pits and kongs abolished	104	0	0	12	116
Exposed coffined corpses removed and buried	15	6	0	4	25
Smoke nuisances suppressed	0	1	0	0	1
Offensive trade processes amended	0	1	0	0	1
Beggar-boats removed	0	0	0	0	0
Complaints of insanitary conditions received from the Public	6	7	6	17	36
Insanitary conditions reported by the Health Officer	23	45	24	16	108
Written intimations issued for sanitary amendment	17	7	24	6	34
Second written intimations issued for sanitary amendment	3	2	0	0	5
Notices of intention to proceed served	0	0	0	0	0
Samples taken for analysis	16	6	0	15	37
Pounds of unsound food destroyed	1680	1044	950	416	4090
Hawkers brought into Markets	94	282	32	142	550
Food prosecutions	4	8	8	0	20
House refuse prosecutions	16	17	45	17	95
Laundry and other prosecutions	8	1	0	2	11
Tons of ordure removed	1240	2500	1660	1116	6516
Tons of house refuse removed	2309	3025	3718	984	10036

Municipal Laboratory.

Analyses and tests will be made for the public as follows:—

1.—The right is reserved of refusing samples which may not be of sufficient public importance to warrant analysis.

2.—Where purity of food is in question, which may influence Public Health, analysis may, at the discretion of the Health Officer, be undertaken at a nominal fee.

3.—The locality from which samples come must be clearly described.

4.—Crushed samples will not be received for analysis.

5.—All samples analysed will remain the property of the Council.

6.—The Council will not recognize any claims arising from results of analysis.

SCALE OF FEES.

	Tls.
Water (chemical and bacterial):	50
Milk.	5
Butter.	30
Liquors.	40
Minerals, alloys, metals, etc.:	
Qualitative test for one constituent	10
Qualitative analysis complete	25
Quantitative analysis: each constituent	35
Coal:	
General analysis	35
Calorific value	15
Petrol, benzine, kerosene, lubricating and other oils:	
General analysis	50
Flash point only	5
Building materials: cement, mortar, lime, etc.:	
Chemical and physical tests as to quality	50
Toxicological examinations:	
Qualitative	50
Quantitative	100

Fees for other examinations and any further information can be obtained on application to the Health Office.

Quantities which should be submitted for analysis:—

Milk and Liquors,	1 pint
Butter	1 pound
Water	1 gallon

When bacterial examination is required water should be sent packed in ice except in very cold weather.

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RATEPAYERS' MEETINGS, RULES OF PROCEDURE.

Rules as at Present.

1.—Every Ratepayer attending a Meeting shall, before entering the Meeting room, register his name and the number of proxies for absent Landowners held by him, and each voter when so registering shall receive a ticket certifying the number of votes to which he is entitled.

2.—When a Public Meeting of Ratepayers shall have been assembled, a Chairman of the Meeting shall be elected by the Ratepayers present.

3.—After the Chair has been taken, the Meeting shall proceed to the election of a Secretary.

4.—The Chairman shall then read the notice convening the Meeting, and the business of the Meeting shall be proceeded with in the order mentioned in the notice, but this order may be varied by the votes of a majority of the members present at any Meeting. The votes of the Meeting shall be taken in the first instance by a show of hands.

5.—No proposition or question shall be admitted for consideration at a Meeting unless it arises directly out of any subject actually under discussion and which has been mentioned in the notice convening the Meeting; or unless a written memorandum of such proposition or question shall have been lodged with the Secretary of the Council three days before the date for which the Meeting has been convened. In the latter case a copy of such memorandum shall be published by the Council in the "North-China Daily News" on the days before and of the Meeting.

6.—Every resolution or amendment must be in writing and signed by the mover and seconder before it can be put to the Meeting by the Chairman and no subject shall be considered as duly before the Meeting unless it be put to the Meeting by the Chairman.

7.—The mode of procedure with regard to amendments shall be as follows:—Each amendment to a resolution shall be considered and decided before any other amendment can be proposed. When an amendment has been carried, the original resolution, as amended, shall then be before the Meeting and be open to amendments as before. Amendments may be altered, with the consent of the mover and seconder, at any time before they are voted upon. Amendments to an amendment are not in order, but such proposals can be brought forward as new amendments to the original, or amended, resolution when the latter is before the Meeting. When no further amendments are proposed then the original, or amended, resolution shall be put to the Meeting.

8.—Upon a poll being called for the doors shall be closed by order of the Chairman. The Secretary shall then read the list of Ratepayers registered at the Meeting, and each voter present shall, as his name is read, declare whether he votes in the affirmative or negative, and the number of votes which he casts. When the number of votes on each side are equal, the Chairman shall have a second or casting vote. After the doors have been closed no person shall be allowed to enter until the poll has been completed. As soon as the poll has been completed the doors shall be opened and the result of the division shall be declared by the Chairman, whose decision shall be final unless a scrutiny shall be at once called for.

9.—If a scrutiny be called for, the Chairman shall appoint as scrutineers two Ratepayers who shall have voted on opposite sides of the question. Such scrutineers shall proceed with the scrutiny forthwith, and the result shall be declared by the Chairman before the dissolution of the Meeting.

10.—No reference shall be allowed to any subject or business already disposed of, except by consent of a majority of the Ratepayers present or represented at a Meeting. A resolution once passed can only be rescinded or modified by a majority of not less than three-fourths of the voters present or represented.

11.—All documents which come before a Ratepayers' Meeting shall, if they have been previously exhibited and notice of such exhibition duly advertised for three clear days (exclusive of holidays) at the Council Room, be accepted as read, unless it be specially requested that they be read at the Meeting.

12.—Each speaker shall address himself to the Chairman. As a rule, except it be in explanation of the subject under discussion, or final reply by the mover of a resolution, Ratepayers shall address the Meeting but once on each question. Any departure from this rule to be permitted only at the discretion of the Chairman.

13.—On all questions of order the decision of the Chairman shall be final unless overruled by three-fourths of the voters present or represented.

14.—No business shall be proceeded with at any Meeting convened under the provisions of Article XV of the Land Regulations 1870, until the Chairman shall have declared that the requisite number of Ratepayers are present or represented, and that their votes have been duly registered; but when such declaration has been made, it shall not be obligatory upon the Chairman at that Meeting or any adjournment thereof to again enquire whether the requisite number of Ratepayers are present or represented.

Report by Special Committee.

Council Room,
Shanghai, March 25, 1909.

SIR,—With reference to the announcement made by the Chairman of Council at the opening of the third day of the recent meeting of Ratepayers, wherein he stated that the Council would

"invite a committee of representative ratepayers to draw up a report and make suggestions with a view to putting the rules of procedure into more practical shape,"

I am directed to ask that you may be good enough to allow yourself to be nominated as a member of the proposed committee.

The Council is of opinion that the work in question should proceed forthwith, so that the committee's report may be published for general information and discussion while the reasons for the step are fresh in the public mind.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

Rev. G. F. FITCH, D.D.
H. D. HUTCHISON, Esq.
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H. P. WILKINSON, Esq.

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Shanghai, July 16, 1909.

SIR,—Having been asked by the Council to report on the rules of procedure now in use at Ratepayers' Meetings and to make suggestions thereon, we send you herewith our report with the rules of procedure which we think should be adopted.

We consider that all our recommendations are in accordance with a correct reading of the Land Regulations.

Yours faithfully,

H. P. WILKINSON,
G. F. FITCH,
C. STEPHARIUS,
HERBERT D. HUTCHISON,
R. J. MARSHALL.

D. LANDALE, Esq.,
Chairman, Municipal Council.

Report of a Committee of Ratepayers appointed by the Council and Suggestions as to the Rules of Procedure to be observed at Public Meetings of Ratepayers made by them.

On a careful consideration of the Land Regulations it appears to have been the intention of the framers of the Regulations that there should, to render any business except as provided in Regulation IX, transacted at a meeting of Ratepayers valid, be a quorum of one-third of the electors present or represented not only at the opening of but at all times during a meeting.

The Committee find that it has been the practice to disregard the need for a quorum except at the commencement of any meeting.

As to the qualification of electors the committee find that in addition to the qualifications provided for in Regulation XIX, plural voting has been recognized as valid by the officials of the Council in completing the voting list. For instance, A.B. the sole proprietor of A.B. & Company, has been given a vote for A.B. & Company, a hong, and another in regard to his private residence within the limits of the Settlement.

This practice appears to the Committee to be contrary to the wording and intention of the Land Regulations.

As to the recognition and use of "proxies" the Committee are of opinion that the intention of Land Regulation XV has not been carried out.

Mr. Johnsford, Overseer of Taxes, at the request of the Committee, fully and courteously informed them as to the present practice of the Council's officials in preparing the "voting list"—which includes holders of proxies.

It appears that the registration of a name or names as the owner or owners of a qualifying property in a Consular Land Register is at present considered by the officers of the Council as a conclusive title to vote and that voting tickets are issued in the names of the registered owner or owners. If various qualifying properties are held practically by the same person, for instance members of a firm of lawyers, land agents or speculators, but in the names of the different members of the firm or syndicate each qualifying property registered in a separate name or combination of names now carries a vote.

The Committee wish to draw the attention of the Council to the fact that they cannot in the Land Regulations find any authority for the present practice of allowing persons or combinations of persons, individually holding votes, to have further votes as the registered owners of various properties.

The Committee wish to point out to the Council the danger of this system of plural voting which lends itself to obvious abuse. As for instance, a combination of three, four or five persons could, under the present system, command seven, fifteen and thirty votes respectively. Whoever pays to the Council the taxes due thereon that person is accepted without further inquiry or proof as qualified to vote a "proxy" vote therefor.

It appears that the production of an actual proxy—a legal document—is now never asked for or insisted on by the Council in regard to the votes of absent electors or from the legal representatives of deceased electors.

Only in the case of seafaring electors who may be temporarily absent from Shanghai at the date of any Annual Meeting is, what the Committee consider to be the intention of Regulation XV, followed: in such cases proxies, but in no regular form, are used and accepted.

There have been instances of rival claims being put forward by claimants to the right to exercise the voting power of a company or corporation.

The Committee have carefully considered the means at present, and to be, adopted to check the number and names of electors present and voting at any meeting.

The voting list is at present kept and made up on the principles above referred to.

"Voting tickets" are issued to the persons or in the names entered in the voting list.

The list of electors present at any meeting is made up from the voting tickets produced by those attending at the opening of a meeting.

At an adjourned meeting the production of tickets, or counterfoils, is not at present demanded, but if the Overseer of Taxes or his assistants notice an elector who has not attended the first meeting, he is asked for his ticket.

There is no machinery at present for checking and preventing any one using the vote of a ratepayer who has once attended, but is at the moment absent from the meeting or any adjournment of it.

It is now possible for any one with the counterfoil of a voting ticket to pass into that part of the place of meeting reserved for electors and to vote at an adjourned meeting.

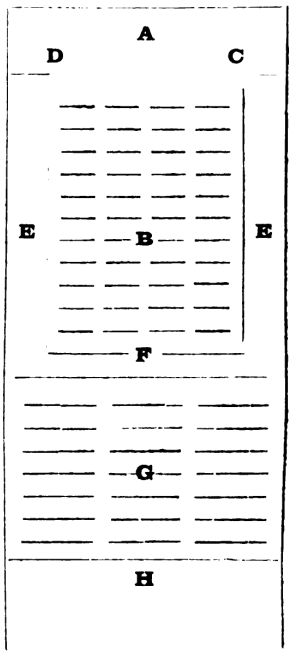
There is no means at present, as by the use of special tickets, of checking the attendance of ratepayers who are not also electors and the general public at a meeting; and there is no means of preventing an unqualified person, a spectator, entering the part of the hall reserved for electors, mingling with them and voting on a "show of hands."

The system of taking the vote of the electors on any resolution, in the first instance, by a "show of hands" is not provided for by Regulation XV, but is to be considered as in each instance a convenient mode of ascertaining an expression of the opinion of the electors and as obviating the necessity of proceeding to a formal vote.

The Committee consider that the wishes of the Electors should still be ascertained by a "show of hands" in the first instance before proceeding to a division, but in the manner hereinafter provided for.

The Committee recommend that—

1.—The place of meeting should be arranged and divided in accordance with the following plan:—



A. Platform.
B. Railed off space for electors.
C.-D. Openings in railed off space through which voters "FOR" and "AGAINST" proposals will pass and be counted.
E. Passage between electors and public.
F. Opening through which voters can return to their places after a division.
G. Seats for non-electors.
H. Public Gallery.

2.—Written proxies valid for one year shall be filed with the Municipal Council at any time up to and including the day before the Annual Meeting of Ratepayers.

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3.—A list of proxy voters shall be kept by the Municipal Council and published annually by them, showing by whom and for whom such votes are held.

4.—Voting tickets or their counterfoils shall be produced by electors at the opening of a meeting and at any adjournment thereof.

5.—Complete printed alphabetical lists of electors shall be prepared by the Council for use at any meeting of ratepayers.

6.—If on a "show of hands" a count is demanded four ratepayers, two on each side, shall be appointed by the meeting who shall by means of the alphabetical lists supplied as above, check the electors who shall then divide, passing through openings in the barriers (shown on the above plan) marked "for" and "against" on opposite sides of the hall wherein the meeting is held.

7.—A record shall be kept by the tellers of the voters and of the votes cast.

8.—On the demand for a Poll, which the committee consider should only be made by a voter entitled to a proxy vote, the like procedure shall be adopted and a like record kept.

9.—There shall be a time limit for speeches, as provided in the proposed rules of procedure.

The Committee are of opinion and recommend that—

All resolutions involving the expenditure of public funds shall be taken after the accounts for the past year have been adopted and before the final vote is taken on the Budget for the coming year; and that, every motion for an adjournment of a meeting shall state the date and time to which the proposer desires to have an adjournment.

The Committee after careful consideration are of opinion that the following rule of procedure should be adopted:—

"Ratepayers claiming to cast proxy votes shall on a poll being demanded produce to the tellers their proxies."

It is suggested that the Annual Meeting of Ratepayers should, if possible, be held on a Wednesday at 10 o'clock a.m., provided that the days of Annual Meetings be, by arrangement come to between the Council and those concerned, made public holidays.

The Committee suggest the following rules of procedure as those to be adopted at meetings of ratepayers, the printed copies of the rules for the use of electors being prefaced by a reprint of Land Regulation XV.

Rules of procedure to be observed at public meetings of ratepayers convened under the provisions of the Land Regulations.

Regulation XV of the Shanghai Land Regulations.

(Reprint of Regulation XV).

1.—Every ratepayer attending a meeting shall, before entering the meeting room, register his name and the number of proxies for absent landowners held by him, and each voter when so registering shall receive a ticket certifying the number of votes to which he is entitled.

2.—At a public meeting of ratepayers, when a registered quorum has been announced as present, a Chairman of the meeting shall be elected by the electors present.

3.—After the chair has been taken, the meeting shall proceed to the election of a Secretary.

4.—The Chairman shall then read the notice convening the meeting, and the business of the meeting shall be proceeded with in the order mentioned in the notice, but this order may be varied by the votes of a majority of the electors present at any meeting: provided that all resolutions involving the expenditure of public funds shall be taken after the accounts for the past year have been adopted and before the final vote is taken on the Budget for the coming year.

5.—No business shall be proceeded with at any meeting convened under the provisions of Article XV of the Land Regulations, until the Chairman shall have declared that the requisite number of ratepayers are present or represented, and that their votes have been duly registered.

6.—No proposition or question shall be admitted for consideration at a meeting unless it arises directly out of a subject which has been mentioned in the notice convening the meeting and which is actually under discussion; or unless a written memorandum of such proposition or question shall have been lodged with the Secretary of the Council three days before the date for which the meeting has been convened.

In the latter case a copy of such proposition shall be published by the Council in the "North China Daily News" on the day before and the day or days of the meeting.

7.—Every resolution or amendment must be in writing and signed by the mover and seconder before it can be put to the meeting by the Chairman, except motions for adjournment or points of order, and no subject shall be considered as duly before the meeting unless it be put to the meeting by the Chairman.

8.—The mode of procedure with regard to amendments shall be as follows:—Each amendment to a resolution shall be considered and decided before any other amendment can be proposed. When an amendment has been carried, the original resolution, as amended, shall then be before the meeting and be open to amendments as before.

Amendments may be altered, with the consent of the mover and seconder, at any time before they are voted upon.

Amendments to an amendment are not in order, but such proposals can be brought forward as new amendments to the original or amended resolution when the latter is before the meeting.

When no further amendments are proposed then the original, or amended, resolution shall be put to the meeting.

9.—The votes of the meeting shall be taken in the first instance by a "show of hands." In case the Chairman cannot on a "show of hands" decide the number of votes, or on a demand for the same by an elector, a division shall take place.

10.—On a division, four tellers, two on either side, shall be chosen by the electors, the electors shall then divide passing through the barriers marked "for" and "against." The tellers shall count and report the number of votes cast to the Chairman.

11.—On a poll being demanded by an elector present and himself claiming a proxy vote, tellers shall be chosen, the electors shall then divide, and the tellers shall check and count the votes and shall report to the Chairman the number of votes cast. All voters claiming to cast proxy votes shall on a poll produce their proxies to the tellers.

12.—No reference shall be allowed to any subject or business already disposed of, except by consent of a majority of the electors present.

A resolution once passed can only be rescinded or modified by a majority of not less than three-fourths of the voters present or represented.

13.—All documents which come before a Ratepayers' Meeting shall, if they have been previously exhibited and notice of such exhibition duly advertised for three clear days (exclusive of holidays) at the Council Room, be accepted as read, unless it be specially requested that they be read at the meeting.

14.—Each speaker shall address himself to the Chairman. Except it be in explanation of the subject under discussion, or final reply by the mover or seconder of a resolution (as they may between themselves elect) electors shall address the meeting but once on each question. Speeches shall be limited to twenty minutes except those of the leading proposer or opposer of a resolution as to which the time limit shall be half an hour. Any departure from this rule shall be permitted only at the discretion of the Chairman.

15.—On all questions of order the decision of the Chairman shall be final unless overruled, on appeal, by three-fourths of the voters present.

H. P. WILKINSON
(*Chairman of Committee.*)

G. F. FITCH,

HERBERT D. HUTCHISON,

R. J. MARSHALL,

C. STEPHARIUS.

Shanghai, July 16, 1909.

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Council Room,

Shanghai, July 23, 1909.

SIR,—I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of July 16, containing the report of the Special Committee of Ratepayers on the Rules of Procedure in use at Ratepayers' Meetings, compiled in accordance with the Council's request made in March last.

In reply thereto I am directed to convey to yourself and to your colleagues an expression of the Council's thanks for your recommendations, and for the proposed new Rules which accompany them.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

W. E. LEVESON,

Secretary.

H. P. WILKINSON, Esq.

Opinion by the Legal Adviser.

I have read the Report of a Committee of Ratepayers appointed by the Council and the accompanying suggestions as to Rules of Procedure.

From the Report it appears that the Committee have either misunderstood or deliberately exceeded their mandate, which certainly had no reference to reporting on or criticising the present system of making up the voting list. If the Report is to be published I suppose that the Committee will first be asked to amend it by striking out all passages which do not bear directly on procedure at meetings.

Dealing shortly with the matters mentioned in the Report in the order in which they appear there I do not agree with the Committee that a quorum must be present at *all* times during a meeting. But I certainly think that, so far as Article XV is concerned, a resolution to be valid must be passed by a quorum. On a careful consideration of the Land Regulations—to use the words of the Report—I find no indication of any intention of the framers to define a quorum except in Article XV but on the other hand ratepayers' meetings can only be held under Articles IX or XV and therefore the Report correctly states that all meetings not held under Article IX require a definite quorum to give effect to their resolutions. It seems to follow, though the Committee do not notice it, that it is a matter of practical necessity that resolutions passed under Article XV should be passed otherwise than by a show of hands or there could be no certainty that a quorum was present when the vote was taken. I also think that the reference to proxies implies that those present by proxy are to have an opportunity of voting and this they can only do on a poll.

Voting Lists.—The franchise under the Land Regulations is based on ownership of property or payment of taxes. The express words of Article XIX give firms a vote. In the example suggested by the Committee A.B. owns property or pays taxes himself under two different names: it follows that he is, strictly speaking, entitled to one vote only under either the letter or the spirit of Article XIX. But in practice no such inquiries could possibly be made into the constitution of A. B. & Co. as would justify the refusal of a vote to that (so called) firm. Such anomalies could only be prevented by some arrangement for a sitting of the Council or a Committee of the Council or of Commissioners of some kind to hear objections to the inclusion of names in the voting list or to the number of votes allotted to particular voters. In that way information in the possession of private objectors would be made available to the Council and no doubt, in some cases, names or votes would be properly struck out. As to the general objection to regarding registered ownership of land and payment of taxes as conferring a title to vote the answer is that, as long as the franchise is on a property owning and tax-paying basis, the ownership of land and payment of taxes must (prima facie) confer such a title. Not only is there nothing in the Land Regulations to forbid it but it is impossible even to suppose that "foreigner" in the first line of Article XIX does not include for example two foreigners who are joint owners (as trustees of a marriage settlement or otherwise) of the necessary land; though neither owns it individually they own it jointly and together they seem to me to be an owner of land different from either of them.

I need scarcely add that I entirely accept the Report so far as it condemns a supposed practice of multiplying votes by permutations and combinations of the names of partners. I am not myself aware of the existence of any such practice nor, I should think, are the Committee.

I believe that the existence of what I may call the "succession vote" of firms of land agents is open to criticism, but merely on this ground that it is reasonable to expect a transfer of all trust property on the dissolution of a firm, with the result that, whatever might continue to be held by the new firm, its predecessors at any rate would no longer hold anything. But in practice such transfers (owing to heavy consular fees) have not taken place. A large number therefore of the trust lots which are managed by and would naturally be vested in members of the last constituted firm remain registered in the names of some one or more partners in the firm or firms which preceded them. But the fact remains that the persons in whose name or names the land is registered and not the existing firm or any of its partners who are not named among the registered owners are liable for taxes on the land and if so liable it is difficult to see why the liability does not carry a vote. The fact that these "succession votes" are exercised by a firm or person who possesses another vote in another right is due to a variety of causes among which I will only name the habit common to most beneficiaries of leaving confidence where it has once been placed.

As to proxies there is nothing in the Land Regulations concerning the form of proxy and therefore insistence on any particular form of authority to exercise a vote would in my opinion be unjustifiable. There is no virtue in the word "proxy." It is hardly to be doubted that everyone who entrusts an attorney with the management of land in Shanghai supposes that he has by necessary implication authorized him to vote as his proxy and I conceive that such authority, should under present conditions, always be implied unless the contrary is shown. If, for any reason, the Council should think fit after due notice to require the production of a simple form of authority to vote as proxy under the Land Regulations, I think such a requirement would be reasonable though I do not myself see the need of it at present nor do I know that it has ever been the practice to demand such an express authority.

From their reference to the conflicting claims of persons seeking to exercise the voting power of a company it might be supposed that the Committee thought such voting power was exercised by proxy. This is not so: a Company votes by its proper officer and any doubt as to who he is can be settled by reference to the Board of Directors.

I am in general agreement with what the Committee say as to the possibility of the non-transferable power of voting being improperly transferred at a meeting or adjourned meeting but I do not see how the personation at a poll of a voter who has been duly registered as present at a meeting can be absolutely prevented, though it may, of course, be detected.

As already stated I doubt whether voting by show of hands should even be allowed under Article XV.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

1.—The arrangement of seats recommended by the Committee seems to be practical, if some means can be devised for getting the electors inside the fold. Once there they seem to be sufficiently provided for.

2.—The insistence on annual proxies seems to be both vexatious and futile. Why should a person who holds a power of attorney to act as proxy or to appoint some one to do so be obliged to make an annual appointment?

3.—When is the list to be published if proxies can be filed up to the day before the meeting?

4 and 5 —

6 and 7.—

8.—I think that with an effective system of counting, a poll should not take place except on the demand of a ratepayer who is entitled on a poll to more than one vote.

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Expenditure of public funds.—Something like this seems more practical than voting the budget and then directing an expenditure in excess of estimated revenue.

Production of proxies.—If they are filed how is it proposed that the Ratepayer shall produce them? As provision is made for filing and publication of the list and registration before entering the room it is difficult to see what good purpose the Committee have in mind.

Wednesday—Public Holiday.—I can give no opinion as to the suitability of any particular day of the week for the holding of the annual meeting. Probably what is a convenient day for one man is an inconvenient day for another. If a thin attendance is desired, by all means let the meeting day be a public holiday.

The suggested Rules of procedure, contain many improvements and in my opinion nothing that is open to serious objection.

I do not understand the object of printing Land Regulation XV at the head of the Rules.

It is a pity that "ratepayer," "voter" and "elector" should be used to describe the same character: See (1) ratepayer, voter (2) ratepayers, elector, (4) majority of electors, (5) number of ratepayers, (10) elector, electors, (11) elector, electors, voters, (12) electors—voters, (14) electors, (15) voters.

I suppose that if "meeting of Ratepayers" means "meeting of Ratepayers entitled to vote" the word "Ratepayers" has a slight advantage over "voters": why "electors" are mentioned I do not know.

Rule 2 seems a good rule and has, though unwritten, been often if not always acted on. But what is a quorum? This should surely be defined.

Rule 4. Why should the hairman (under both old and new rules) have to read the notice? Does he ever do it?

I do not think this rule is well worded as regards the proviso. It seems to me that every resolution involving the expenditure of public funds should be proposed by way of amendment to the Budget and that the proviso should be worded to express this. The words "provided that all resolutions involving the expenditure of public funds shall be deemed to be amendments to the Budget for the coming year and shall be proposed and dealt with as such in the order in which they stand before the final vote on the Budget is taken" convey my idea.

Rule 5 does not go much beyond Rule 2. I cannot make out whether it is intended to meet the difficulty raised at the beginning of the Report. If so it is ineffective. Under Rule 2 the first business is to elect a chairman and that cannot be proceeded with under Rule 5 till it is announced that a quorum is present. How is the business of electing a chairman to be got through under Rule 5? But supposing for a moment that a chairman has been elected does his declaration that there is a quorum make a resolution valid which has been discussed and passed where there was not in fact a quorum? What is wanted in the place of Rule 5 is something to this effect:—

"The Declaration of the Chairman that the requisite number of ratepayers are present or represented at the opening of any meeting and that their votes have been duly registered shall be deemed to be conclusive as to the presence of a like quorum throughout the meeting until the contrary is proved. No resolution shall be proposed until such declaration has been made."

Rule 6. This should read "unless (a)..... or (b) a written memorandum.....

Rule 7. The words "except motions for adjournment or points of order" should obviously follow "amendment."

Rule 9. As already stated I doubt whether voting by show of hands can safely be allowed under Article XV.

Rule 11. "Claiming" should be "registered as the holder of." After "chosen" in line 3 the sentence should end and another begin.

Shanghai, October 12, 1909.

DUNCAN MCNEILL.

Memorandum by the Finance Committee.

There are two separate and distinct matters of public concern involved, (i) the revision of the Rules of Procedure, for which work the Special Committee was appointed, and (ii) the preparation, publication, etc., of the Voting List; they are dealt with in the order named.

The suggestion to prefix Land Regulation XV to the Rules appears inadvisable, for such course would imply an importance over other Regulations relating to Ratepayers' Meetings which No. XV does not possess.

In the matter of a quorum some misunderstanding appears to have arisen. For the Annual Meeting (Land Regulation IX) no quorum is required, for a Special Meeting (Land Regulation XV) a quorum of one-third of the electorate is necessary. Doubtless for this reason the existing Rule numbered 14 was placed at the end of the Code; it is, as stated, applicable only to Special Meetings. The concluding words of the Rule indicate, and the practice heretofore has been, that when a quorum is formed the meeting is regularly convened, and the Resolutions passed are authoritative. Thus it is out of the power of a small number of Ratepayers, by leaving the Hall, to reduce the assembly to a less number than one-third of the electorate and so stultify the meeting. If there remained so few as in the Chairman's discretion to warrant a "count out" such would take place. The minimum required in the House of Commons of nearly 700 members, is 40. No instance of this has yet arisen, and Rule 14 appears therefore satisfactory as it stands.

For simplicity it appears well to use the word "Ratepayer" throughout the Rules, to indicate one entitled to vote.

In the following notes the numbers refer to the Special Committee's new draft.

Rule 2. The stipulation as to a quorum is unnecessary for reasons forementioned.

Rule 4. The added final provision as to the order of business limits the free right of the Ratepayers present to settle such order, as contained in the former part of the Rule, and is therefore not considered justifiable. A Resolution or Amendment to a Resolution involving expenditure, to be effective, must provide whence the cost is to be derived, (*a*) by additional taxation or rating, (*b*) by additional borrowing, or (*c*) by substitution for other expenditure already passed. A proposition involving expenditure, not arising out of a subject mentioned in the Budget, would not be admissible as an amendment to the Budget.

Rule 5 takes its correct place at the end of the Code.

Rule 6 contains minor clerical amendment which makes for clearness. The substitution of the word "proposition" for "memorandum" in the last paragraph is incorrect.

Rule 9. It should not be possible for one Ratepayer to force the meeting to divide, the Chairman should have discretion to decide whether a division is necessary or no.

Rule 10. Doubtless by oversight the paragraph relating to the Chairman's casting vote has been omitted. It is usual that tellers be nominated by the Chair.

Rule 11. The scrutiny of proxies by the tellers would prove highly inconvenient and give rise to much delay. A Ratepayer's Voting Ticket (to which this memorandum will revert later) must be regarded as conclusive evidence of the number of votes to which the bearer is entitled.

Rule 12. The omission of the words "or represented" is inadmissible, for the Land Regulations impose no restriction upon the voting power of an absentee's representative.

Rule 14. The provision for final reply by the seconder if desired and the limitation of the length of speeches are noted.

Rule 15. Vide above Rule 12.

With regard to the preparation of the Voting List it is considered improbable that more than one or two cases have escaped notice of a second vote being given to a firm of which the sole proprietor is already registered as a voter. If an instance is detected the second vote is and should be cancelled.

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The Council's official knowledge of who are and who are not owners of land entitled to vote is obtained by notice from the Consulates under Land Regulation V, and, as regards the franchise, the Legal Adviser's opinion cannot be gainsaid.

An amendment of the franchise cannot be effected by alteration of procedure, it involves altering the Land Regulations.

In the following paragraphs the numbers refer to the Special Committee's recommendations.

No. 1 appears to be excellent and will be adopted.

No. 2. The validity of a written proxy should not be limited to one year, such would be vaxatious; a proxy must be valid until cancelled so long as the holder makes payment of the relative rates and taxes.

No. 3 will be followed, by the amplification of the List issued under Land Regulation XIX.

No. 4 will be followed.

No. 5 will be followed, involving only the revision and re-issue of the List above referred to.

Nos. 6, 7, 8 and 9 relate to Rules of Procedure.

In addition to the foregoing the Council will appoint annually a Committe of their number to scrutinise the List, who will also hear and decide objections or appeals before the issue of Voting Tickets.

It is not regarded as desirable that Annual Meetings be held in the morning or that the days thereof be made public holidays, i.e., that the Custom House and Banks be requested to close. A debate lasting from (say) 2 o'clock to 7 o'clock is as much as the Council can satisfactorily carry through in one day, while it is improbable that business will prevent more than a few qualified Ratepayers from attending.

DAVID LANDALE, *Chairman.*
HARRY DE GRAY,
T. E. TRUEMAN,
Members of Finance Committee.

October 27, 1909.

Rules as proposed by the Council for approval by the Ratepayers.

1.—Every Ratepayer attending a Meeting shall, before entering the Meeting room, register his name and the number of proxies for absentees held by him, and each Ratepayer when so registering shall receive a ticket certifying the number of votes to which he is entitled.

2.—When a Public Meeting of Ratepayers shall have been assembled, a Chairman of the Meeting shall be elected by the Ratepayers present.

3.—After the chair has been taken, the Meeting shall proceed to the election of a Secretary.

4.—The Chairman shall then read the notice convening the Meeting, and the business of the Meeting shall be proceeded with in the order mentioned in the notice, but this order may be varied by the votes of a majority of the Ratepayers present.

5.—No proposition or question shall be admitted for consideration at a Meeting unless (a) it arises directly out of a subject which has been mentioned in the notice convening the meeting and which is actually under discussion; or (b) a written memorandum of such proposition or question shall have been lodged with the Secretary of the Council three days before the date for which the Meeting has been convened. In the latter case a copy of such memoraudum shall be published by the Council on the day before and the day or days of the Meeting.

6.—Every resolution or amendment, except motions for adjournment or points of order, must be in writing and signed by the mover and seconder before it can be put to the Meeting by the Chairman and no subject shall be considered as duly before the Meeting unless it be put to the Meeting by the Chairman.

7.—The mode of procedure with regard to amendments shall be as follows:—Each amendment to a resolution shall be considered and decided before any other amendment can be proposed. When an amendment has been carried, the original resolution, as amended, shall then be before the Meeting and be open to amendments as before. Amendments may be altered, with the consent of the mover and seconder, at any time before they are voted upon. Amendments to an amendment are not in order, but such proposals can be brought forward as new amendments to the original, or amended, resolution when the latter is before the Meeting. When no further amendments are proposed then the original, or amended, resolution shall be put to the Meeting.

8.—The votes of the meeting shall be taken in the first instance by a show of hands. In case the Chairman cannot on a show of hands decide the number of votes, a division shall take place.

9.—On a division, four tellers, two on either side, shall be chosen, the Ratepayers shall then divide passing through the barriers marked "For" and "Against." The tellers shall count and report the number of votes cast to the Chairman. When the number of votes on each side are equal, the Chairman shall have a second or casting vote.

10.—On a poll being demanded by a Ratepayer himself registered as the holder of a proxy vote, tellers shall be chosen. The Ratepayers shall then divide, and the tellers shall check and count the votes and shall report to the Chairman the number of votes cast.

11.—No reference shall be allowed to any subject or business already disposed of, except by consent of a majority of the Ratepayers present or represented at a Meeting. A resolution once passed can only be rescinded or modified by a majority of not less than three-fourths of the Ratepayers present or represented.

12.—All documents which come before a Ratepayers' Meeting shall, if they have been previously exhibited and notice of such exhibition duly published for three clear days (exclusive of holidays) at the Council Room, be accepted as read, unless it be specially requested that they be read at the Meeting.

13.—Each speaker shall address himself to the Chairman. As a rule, except it be in explanation of the subject under discussion, or final reply by the mover or seconder of a resolution (as they may between themselves elect), Ratepayers shall address the meeting but once on each question. Speeches shall be limited to twenty minutes except those of the leading proposer or opposer of a resolution as to which the time limit shall be half an hour. Any departure from this rule will be permitted only at the discretion of the Chairman.

14.—On all questions of order the decision of the Chairman shall be final unless overruled on appeal by three-fourths of the Ratepayers present or represented.

15.—No business shall be proceeded with at any Meeting convened under the provisions of Article XV of the Land Regulations, until the Chairman shall have declared that the requisite number of Ratepayers are present or represented, and that their votes have been duly registered; but when such declaration has been made, it shall not be obligatory upon the Chairman at that meeting or any adjournment thereof to again enquire whether the requisite number of Ratepayers are present or represented.

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A. W. U. POPE, Traffic Manager.

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DAVID LANDALE
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MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION.

No. 1985.

LOAN of 1901.

NOTICE is hereby given that the following debentures of the above loan will be paid on presentation, properly endorsed by the registered owner, at the Municipal Offices on and after December 31, 1909, and interest will cease from that date.

Debentures of Tls. 1,000.

8085-90	8157	8219-20
8093-7	8159-60	8222-30
8101-2	8163	8232-3
8104-6	8166	8237
8109	8168	8241
8112-7	8172-3	8243-5
8119	8175-8	8247-51
8121-3	8180-2	8254-5
8125	8186-9	8259
8127	8191	8261-2
8129-35	8193-5	8264-6
8139-41	8197-204	8271
8148-51	8206-8	8275-7
8153	8212-5	
8155	8217	

Debentures of Tls. 100.

8257	8298	8322-9
8279	8303	8332-3
8285	8305	8335
8287-8	8308	8338-41
8290-1	8312	8344
8293	8314-6	8348-50
8295-6	8318-20	

By order,

W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

Council Room,
Shanghai, September 22, 1909.

AT the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, November 17 1909, at 4.30 p.m., there are present:

Messrs. D. Landale (*Chairman*)
H. De Gray
F. C. Heffer
W. D. Little
H. A. J. Macray
O. Meuser
W. A. C. Platt
J. Prentice
T. E. Trueman
The Secretary and
Assistant Secretary.

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

The minutes of the last meeting are read, confirmed, signed by the Chairman and passed for publication.

Volunteers.

Ammunition.—A dispatch from the General Officer commanding in Hongkong communicates the assent of the Army Council to the increase in the reserve of ammunition held by the Corps, as desired in the early part of the year:—

Council Room,
Shanghai, July 28, 1909

SIR,—I have the honour to inform you that, in view of the increase in the numbers of the Volunteer Corps and Police Force during recent years, the question of the reserve of ammunition at present maintained has of late been the subject of special consideration.

From reference to your letter of August 11, 1905, enclosing War Office letter, No 083/4144, it appears that 500 rounds of small arm ammunition per officer and man on the strength is considered to be the correct reserve which should be held, giving at that time a total of 310,000 rounds. Subsequent additions to the strength have raised the Corps to approximately 1,000 men, and it therefore is requisite that the reserve be raised proportionately Making provision for this, and adding 30,000 rounds for the maxim guns and 105,000 rounds for the Police Force, a total of 635,000 rounds is the minimum reserve required for 1910.

Similarly an increased reserve of revolver ammunition is desired, to stand at 21,000 rounds for next year and in future. During 1908 the Corps expended 286,933 rounds of small arm and 7,093 rounds of revolver ammunition; the increased stock will thus be turned over in about three years.

I have the honour to bring these special requirements to your notice and to request that the Commandant's requisitions for the issue on payment of the extra quantities required may be authorized in due course.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,
DAVID LANDALE,
Chairman.

His Excellency
Major-General R. G. BROADWOOD, C.B.,
Commanding the Troops in
South China, Hongkong.

Headquarters,
Hongkong, August 13, 1909.

SIR,—I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of July 28, re increase of reserve of small arm ammunition.

Application has been made to the Secretary, War Office, for authority to issue, and if necessary, issue in part, can be made forthwith, to the extent of about 225,000 rounds of ·303. The balance of the ·303 and the pistol ammunition will have to be demanded from home.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,
W. LAMBERT, *Lt.-Col.*
for Colonel,
Commanding the Troops, South China.
THE CHAIRMAN,
Municipal Council, Shanghai.

Headquarters,
Hongkong, November 9, 1909.

SIR,—In continuation of my letter of August 13, I have the honour to forward herein, copy of a letter which has been received from the Secretary, War Office, conveying covering approval for the issue on repayment of the small arm ammunition required to increase the reserve held by the Shanghai Volunteers.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,
C. C. WINGLEY, *Lt. Col.*,
for Major-General,
Commanding the Troops, South China.
THE CHAIRMAN,
Municipal Council, Shanghai.

War Office, London, S.W.,
October 5, 1909.

SIR,—With reference to your letter of August 13, 1909, I am commanded by the Army Council to convey covering approval to the issue of the ·303 inch and Webley pistol ball ammunition required to increase the reserve of ammunition held by the Shanghai Volunteers to the following totals:—

	rounds.
·303 inch ball ammunition	635,000
Webley pistol ball ammunition	21,000

I am at the same time to point out that the issue of the additional quantities of ammunition required to complete to the new reserve should be on repayment.

I am,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,
E. W. D. WARD.
THE GENERAL OFFICER
COMMANDING THE TROOPS,
SOUTH CHINA.

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Council Room,
Shanghai, November 19, 1909.

SIR,—I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of November 9, and to convey to you and to the Army Council the Council's thanks for the increase of the reserve of ammunition held by the Shanghai Volunteer Corps which has been sanctioned.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,
DAVID LANDALE,
Chairman.

His Excellency
Major-General R. G. BROADWOOD, C.B.,
Commanding the Troops in South China, Hongkong.

Staff.—The Council has noted that Captain and Adjutant G. F. Collyer has been transferred to Singapore, and his application for 6 months' leave is granted.

Medical Staff.—Upon the recommendation of the Commandant, a commission as Lieutenant is authorized for issue to Dr. C. N. Davis.

Police.

Foreign Branch.—The service of Gaoler Blennerhassett is terminated with effect from December 21, the date of expiry of his agreement.

The following promotions are authorized:—

To be 1st Class Sergeant from November 17:—

J. O'Toole.

To be 2nd Class Sergeant from November 14:—

W. Brewster
S. Costelloe
T. Crookdake
J. Cruickshank
J. Donovan
P. J. Doylend
A. J. Ferguson
W. Kennerley
W. M. McSwiney
W. Moore
J. J Persico
W. Whiting.

To be 2nd Class Constables:—

F. E. Leary from October 2.
E. L. Gladwish from Nov. 15.

Sikh Branch.—Constables Nos. 272 Hari Singh and 360 Thakar Singh, are discharged invalided with effect from November 8.

Central Station Alterations.—The Captain-Superintendent in a report refers to the necessity for further slight alterations at this Station, with a view to providing accommodation for the Foreign Sergeants now quartered in Kiukiang Road and effecting the necessary expansion of the General and Detective offices. An estimate of the cost involved is Tls. 350 and the arrangements in question are approved.

In furtherance of the above proposal it is necessary to convert the Cadets' Quarters into offices, and the Council therefore sanctions taking a lease of a flat at No. 8 Jinkee Road at a rent of Tls. 140 per mensem. These quarters have been inspected by the Acting Engineer and the Captain-Superintendent, and have been found to be commodious and suitable.

Convicts' Food.—Of five tenders received in response to Notification No. 1987 the following have been accepted:—

Yuen Dah—	Vegetables	$0.01½	per lb.
	Onions	0.05½	,,
	Salt Fish	0.07½	,,
	Beef	0.13	,,
	Pork	0.13½	,,
	Salt	0.02½	,,
	Bean Oil	0.13½	,,
	Tea	0.15	,,
Heng Yu Rice Hong—	Rice	5.80	per pcl.
	Wheat	3.40	,,
	Flat Beans	3.30	,,
	Red ,,	3.70	,,

The monthly cost of convicts' food at the prices quoted above is estimated at $1,965, for the two months ending December 31.

Policing beyond Limits.

North Szechuen Road.—The following letter, with reply as decided, is ordered for publication:—

Shanghai, November 10, 1909.

SIR,—I have the honour to forward herewith copy and translation of a letter from the Taotai asking that the Chinese Police may be allowed to cross the North Szechuen Road Extension when necessary—a subject upon which the Consular Body would be pleased to have the Council's opinion.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,
D. SIFFERT,
Consul-General of Belgium, and Senior Consul.

D. LANDALE, Esq.,
Chairman, Municipal Council.

Translation of letter from Taotai Tsai Nai-huang to the Senior Consul, dated October 21, 1909.

The Taotai has to state that the North Szechuen Road, which is situated outside the Settlement, is originally a road which the Council constructed without authority, having encroached beyond the boundary. The length of the road is very great, and the Police sent by the Municipal Council can only pass upon and patrol the road itself. The uniformed Constabulary on point duty sent out by the Chinese Constabulary Office have hitherto exercised control merely on both sides of the road; and if any matter of local importance arises in connexion with which they must pass over this road, the Municipal Police come forward and oppose them. This is a great cause for mutual collision and is most contrary to happy and peaceable relations between China and foreigners.

Since, moreover, the Chinese Constabulary cannot pass over this road at their convenience, the residents on both sides of the road cannot enjoy the benefit of full protection, and this is a further prejudice to public peace. It is accordingly urgent that the question of the passage of Chinese Constabulary over the North Szechuen Road be promptly arranged, with a view to arriving at an understanding and preserving friendly relations. A dispatch is accordingly duly addressed to you requesting you to be good enough to take note, and inform the Consuls with a view to their quickly raising discussion upon the subject. The favour of a reply is awaited:—

Council Room,
Shanghai, November 22, 1909.

SIR,—I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of November 10, forwarding the request of the Chinese Authorities for permission for the Chapei Constabulary to cross the North Szechuen Road beyond limits when on duty.

It is in the first place necessary for me to point out that the Taotai's use of such expression as "without authority" and "encroached" are misleading, inasmuch as the road was constructed, in accordance with the Land Regulations, after due purchase from the foreign and native owners of the requisite land.

The statement that the Police exercise control over the road alone is also incorrect, for the whole of the district fed by the North Szechuen Road, up to and including the Rifle Range and the Hongkew Recreation Ground, has been under Police supervision since the road was built. Thus the occasional presence of Chapei uniformed constables east and west of the thoroughfare is alike unnecessary and undesirable.

In the opinion of the Captain-Superintendent of Police, an opinion which the Council unanimously endorses, the present application should be met with an emphatic negative, both in the interests of good order, as between the Police and the native constabulary, and in the interests of the large foreign population who reside in the district in question.

The Consular Body is aware that this road is the main artery of traffic in one of the two suburbs for which application has been made that they be included in the Settlement. Thus it would appear to the Council to be well to point out, in reply to the Taotai's letter, that the extension of the Settlement will put an end to the question which he raises.

Finally the Council has desired me to take this opportunity to state that the continued efforts of the official in whose hands the administration of affairs in Chapei rests, by name Wong Jui-kai, are plainly directed to one end, that of accentuating the many difficult questions, not only of policing, which are arising beyond the boundary. I have therefore the honour to state that the co-operation with the Chinese beyond the boundary which is so desirable, pending the conclusion of the negotiations for t

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Extension, is, from the Council's standpoint, rendered impossible so long as this official remains in office.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,
DAVID LANDALE,
Chairman.

D. SIFFERT, Esq.,
Consul-General for Belgium,
and Senior Consul.

Public Band.

The minutes of the meeting of the Band Committee of November 16, are read and confirmed. There were present:—

Messrs. C. Fink *(Chairman)*
F. J. Burrett
O. Meuser
The Conductor and
Assistant Secretary.

The meeting occupied itself chiefly with matters of internal organization.

Public Performances.—Noting that the Wednesday Orchestral Concerts during the Season 1908-9 failed to draw sufficient audiences, it is decided, as a tentative arrangement, that extra performances of dance music shall be given on Tuesdays, beginning on Tuesday, December 7. If these prove popular, they will be continued throughout the winter.

Arising out of a general discussion as to expenditure on the Band during 1910, a proposal is made that a small charge of 20 cents be made for admission to the Sunday Orchestral Concerts. A member observes that a fee might affect the number of the audience, and that similar music is generally open to the public free on the Continent. After further consideration, it is resolved to make no change in this respect.

House Numbering.

The following letter from the Postal Commissioner is read, and ordered for publication with reply as directed:—

Imperial Post Office,
Shanghai, November 17, 1909.

SIR,—I beg to draw your attention to the unsatisfactory numbering of houses in the International Settlement and to inquire whether the Council cannot see its way to remedy the present inconvenient state of affairs. Many foreigners have commented caustically on the difficulty of finding an address they are in search of, but what concern this office are the complaints on the part of the public of delays in delivery of its correspondence, which, in many instances, are traceable to the inability of postmen to find the correct number of a house or flat.

Might I suggest that if this question be taken in hand the French Municipal System be adopted? In that Settlement a plate bears in a conspicuous manner the number in English and Chinese.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
W. G. LAY,
Postal Commissioner.

THE SECRETARY,
Municipal Council.

Council Room,
Shanghai, November 20, 1909.

SIR,—I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of November 17, on the subject of the numbering of houses in the Settlement.

In reply thereto I am to state that the Council, while realizing that the present system is open to some criticism, is aware that there are considerable difficulties in the way of applying satisfactory numeration to the closely packed aggregation of foreign and native houses composing the Settlement.

Your letter, beyond suggesting the addition of Chinese numerals, does not specify any particular line along which improvement is desirable, and I am directed therefore to suggest that a representative of the Imperial Post Office may be nominated to co-operate with a member of the Municipal Tax Office in compiling a report and recommendations on the subject.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

W. G. LAY, Esq.,
Postal Commissioner.

Road Extensions and Widenings.

Peking Road.—In regard to the scheduled frontage strip of Cadastral Lot 201, measuring Mow 0.03, negotiations have been concluded for its surrender at the assessed value of the land plus 10 per cent for compulsory surrender, and less one-third for betterment, i.e., a sum of Tls. 396. A further payment of Tls. 540 is authorized for the reinstatement of the three houses involved together with loss of rental during the progress of the work. Registered owners, The Union Insurance Society of Canton, Ld.

Kaifeng Road.—Payment of Tls. 120 is authorized for Mow 0.24 of unregistered land, south of Cadastral Lot 63, scheduled for the widening of this road. The documents relating thereto, in accordance with the customary procedure, have been forwarded to the Senior Consul for subsequent transmission to the native Land Office.

Ratepayers' Meetings.

Rules of Procedure.—The Chairman has learnt that while Mr. Stepharius is absent from Shanghai, the Special Committee, of which he was a member, will not attend the forthcoming meeting of the Finance Committee for further discussion of the Rules as proposed for amendment. With the approval of Mr. Wilkinson, the Chairman of the Special Committee, it is decided to publish the various papers on the subject, as prepared for that purpose, forthwith; they will therefore appear in a special number of the Municipal Gazette on November 19.

Casual Ward.

A copy is submitted of a memorandum of the meeting of the Committee of the Seamen's Mission, held on October 7 in which a deputation was appointed to wait on the Council for the discussion of the present number of casuals and beach combers in Shanghai. The proposal that the Council open a shelter for such persons is considered, and it is decided to obtain a report from the Captain-Superintendent on the matter generally, before taking action.

Public School.

Speech Day and Holidays.—A report by the Headmaster recommends postponement of the Speech Day to February, usually held before Christmas, with a view to avoiding disturbance of the arrangements for the terminal and Cambridge Local Examinations.

The Christmas holidays will begin on December 23 and end on January 10.

The meeting adjourns at 6 p.m.

Notification of Infectious Disease.

The following have been reported during the week ending Sunday, Nov. 21, 1909.	Death among Chinese population of 550,000	Cases notified among Non-Chinese population of 15,000.
Small-pox.	0	0
Cholera.	0	0
Typhoid Fever	—	3
Diphtheria.	0	1
Scarlet Fever.	0	0
Tuberculosis	20	0
Plague	0	0
Total Deaths from all Causes	161	8

ARTHUR STANLEY,
Health Officer.

Public Band.

The attendance on Sunday, November 21, numbered 729, and the Hall was emptied in 4 minutes.

The programme for Sunday next, November 28, is as follows:—

1. Overture ..."Egmont"...Beethoven
2. Symphony
   B minor (unfinished)... Schubert

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3. Symphonic Poem
   "Ultava" ..... Smetana
4. Violin Soli
   (a) Adagio from Concerto
   in G minor ..... Bruch
   (b) Perpetuum mobile... Ries
   Mr. Schulze Reudnitz
5. Overture "Robespierre".. Litolff

Conductor-in-charge, Mr. R. BUCK.

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Summary of Revenue for October

Description	Estimate	1909			1908			1907		
		Number	Amount	Total from January 1.	Number	Amount	Total from January 1.	Number	Amount	Total from January 1.
	Tls.		Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.		Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.		Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.
LAND TAX	685,400	—	24,890.22	682,706.01	—	70,777.93	682,409.74	—	25,085.52	449,153.53
GENERAL MUNICIPAL RATE—										
Foreign	499,800	—	38,332.74	395,521.10	—	43,819.79	373,554.55	—	41,700.57	305,078.48
Native	650,400	—	95,202.08	545,842.02	—	61,570.00	534,658.42	—	61,835.77	467,786.54
WHARFAGE DUES	160,000	—	—	130 142.95	—	—	121,249 41	—	—	139,620.19
LICENSE FEES—										
Foreign Hotel and Tavern	6,500	19	1,447.00	7,042.01	21	1,580.00	6,169.08	20	1,233.75	5,385.25
Foreign Liquor Seller	18,000	108	4,306.66	17,431.58	111	4 453.33	18,303.04	114	4,533.33	18,677.19
Restaurant	4,700	35	1,050.00	4,28 .00	38	1,140.00	4,730.00	38	1,140 00	4,650.00
Billiard and Bowling Saloon	700	23	150 00	603.00	24	156.00	667.50	24	183.00	684.00
Native Club	4,000	30	750 00	2 333 33	—	—	—	—	—	—
Native Lodging-house	6,600	346	1,758. 0	7,094.00	352	1,734.00	6,590.23	338	1,212.11	4,718.53
Native wine-shop	16,000	756	3,940 50	14,772.00	498	1,980.00	9,246.98	250	889.50	6,538.57
Tea-shop	7,500	597	808.30	6,990.08	581	545.29	4,879.84	547	487.9	4,496 84
Foreign Theatre	1,800	25	343.16	3,739.16	12	197.00	1,749.00	14	181.00	1,26 .35
Native Theatre	3,600	21	327.00	3,519 50	22	372.00	3,081.00	26	258.00	2,290.50
Pawn-shop	17,000	—	—	12,338.22	—	—	13,124.94	—	—	13,492.24
Opium-shop	17,000	231	2,276.00	17,410.70	131	623.00	4,51 .20	87	346.80	3,581.84
Opium-house	35,000	297	2,797.50	35,062.42	1,005	3,336.90	42,045.09	1,493	4,938.62	51,160 77
Cargo Boat	5,800	649	461.84	4,3 0.44	758	454 85	4,364.37	914	501.00	4,773.38
Ferry and Passenger Boat	1,100	56	83.81	888.38	63	92.35	917.39	59	81.19	985.68
Steam Launch	2,200	112	415.72	2,127.66	164	433.12	2,105.23	113	401.76	2,050.87
Native Boat	3,700	1,635	274.72	2,836.48	1,525	293.29	3,099.31	1,691	353.33	3,227.61
Sampan	1,500	82	61.22	1,118.42	190	102.24	1,236.73	127	93.50	1,386.81
Private-owned Pony and Carriage	14,500	P. 9 C. 686	3,473.91	15,48 .82	P. 938 C. 721	3,411 58	14,663.14	P. 985 C. 778	2,433.82	11,631.33
Livery Stable	26,000	P. 751 C. 583	2,304.02	23,060.87	P. 731 C. 561	2,182.51	23,311.76	P. 786 C. 614	2,373.67	24,937.54
Motor Car	2,500	114	684 00	2,035.00	99	574.00	2,366.34	95	398.79	1,479.32
Cart	20,000	977	1,618.00	15,333.43	1,030	1,273.95	13,620.24	1,038	1,386.83	14,306.24
Private-owned Riksha	38,000	4 458	9,890.23	40,424.37	4,377	9,627.06	36,567.70	5 114	7,485.77	3 ,013.35
Public Riksha	107,000	8,311	9,319.8	93,505.49	8,245	9,1 4.99	89,916.69	8,078	8,856.68	90,035.86
Sedan-chair	5,200	392	884.29	4,115.72	561	1,244.53	5,365.91	639	1,405.64	5,680.30
Wheel-barrow	39,000	6,035	3.0 5.66	30,333.05	6,651	2,472.50	27,885.91	6,898	2,921.16	30,821.68
Firearms	2,700	3	375.00	2,175.00	6	675 00	2,025.00	—	—	—
Dog	1,000	217	162.75	1,007.47	60	44.10	922.29	36	26.68	787 55
RENT OF MUNICIPAL PROPERTIES—										
Markets	38,000	3,315	3,316.54	30,991.54	3,221	3,181.60	29,833.98	2,882	2,983.03	26,285.83
Town Hall	1,000	—	—	570.0	—	—	295.00	—	—	2,741.00
Firemen's Quarters	2,500	—	137.00	1,726.00	—	181.00	1,389.00	—	110.00	1,220.00
Miscellaneous			66.12	6 8 16			700.00	—	350.00	3,063.60
FROM PUBLIC COMPANIES—										
Gas Co., Ld.	6,000	—	479.00	4,312.91	—	506.83	4,928.38	—	486.62	4,164.14
Mutual Telephone Co., Ld.	3,000	—	—	3,000. 0	—	—	—	—	—	—
Electric Construction Co., Ld.	15,000	—	—	11,870.36	—	—	7,176.81	—	—	—
Total Tls.	2,469,700		213,400.86	2,239.951.34		228,142.80	2,098,740.23		176,648.22	1,739,174.87

E. L. Allen,

Assistant Overseer of Taxes.

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ESTIMATED RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

FOR THE YEAR 1909

AND

ACTUAL RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

FOR THE NINE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30.

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ORDINARY RECEIPTS.	Estimated.		9 months ended September 30.	
	Tls.	Tls.	Tls.	Tls.
LAND TAX		685,400		657,615.79
GENERAL MUNICIPAL RATE.				
Foreign	499,800		359,188.36	
Native	650,400		500,639.94	859,828.30
		1,150,200		
WHARFAGE DUES		160,000		130,142.95
LICENSE FEES.				
Foreign Hotel and Tavern	6,500		5,595.01	
Foreign Liquor Seller	18,000		13,124.92	
Restaurant	4,700		3,230.00	
Billiard and Bowling Saloon	700		453 00	
Native Club	4,000		1,583.33	
Native Lodging House	6,600		5,336.00	
Native Wine Shop	16,000		10,831.50	
Tea Shop	7,500		6,181.76	
Foreign Theatre	1.800		3,396.00	
Native Theatre	3,600		3 222.50	
Pawn Shop	17,000		12,338.22	
Opium Shop	17,000		15,134.70	
Opium House	35,000		32,264.92	
Cargo Boat	5,800		3,858.60	
Ferry and Passenger Boat	1,100		804.57	
Steam Launch	2,200		1,681.94	
Native Boat	3,700		2,561.77	
Sampan	1,500		1,057.20	
Private-owned Pony and Carriage	14,500		12,008.91	
Livery Stable	26,000		20,756.85	
Motor Car	2,500		2,251.00	
Cart	20,000		13,715.43	
Private-owned Ricsha	38,000		30,533.84	
Public Ricsha...	107,000		84,185.62	
Sedan Chair	5,200		3,283.43	
Wheelbarrow	39,000		27,327.39	
Firearms	2,700		1,800.00	
Dog	1,000		844.72	
		408,600		1,966,950.17
RENT OF MUNICIPAL PROPERTIES.				
Markets	38,000		27,675.00	
Town Hall	1,000		570.00	
Firemen's Quarters	2,500		1,589.00	
Miscellaneous			562.04	
		41,500		30,396.04
CONTRIBUTIONS FROM PUBLIC COMPANIES.				
Shanghai Gas Co., Ld.	6,000		4,333.91	
Shanghai Mutual Telephone Co., Ld. ...	3,000		3,000 00	
Shanghai Electric Construction Co., Ld. ...	15,000	24,000	11,870.36	19,204.27
Total of Ordinary Receipts		2,469,700		2,016,550.48

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ORDINARY PAYMENTS.	Estimated		9 months ended September 30.	
	Tls.	Tls.	Tls.	Tls.
POLICE.				
Pay and Allowances.				
Foreigners.				
Pay	325,815		208,942.13	
Rent Allowances	5,160		2,783.12	
Fuel and Light Allowances	1,800		1,217.42	
Language Allowances	17,670		12,345.66	
Allowances for duty at Mixed Court	1,350		882.74	
Allowance for Stenographer	240		225.66	
Drill Allowances	250		146.85	
		352,285		226,543.58
Sikhs.				
Pay	99,420		68,116.25	
Deferred Pay	15,100		10,763.74	
Language, Drill, Traffic and Rent Allowances ...	6,000		3,282.96	
		120,520		82,162.95
Chinese.				
Pay	145,886		112,248.95	
Language, Drill and Traffic Allowances	510		299.09	
Merit Allowances	450	146,846	333.65	112,881.69
		619,651		421,588.22
Superannuation		41,100		22,987.28
Passages...		16,720		8,644.51
Uniform and Equipment		68,760		46,269.62
Locomotion		10,194		7,432.53
Medical Aid		8,340		4,283.32
Patrol Ponies		4,290		2,790.00
Fuel		21,000		14,055.16
Light		16,700		12,821.81
Water		3,800		3,156.80
Printing, Stationery, Advertising, etc.		6,500		5,149.76
Insurance		2,050		2,364.70
Funeral Expenses		500		
Carried forward		819,605		551,543.71

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ORDINARY PAYMENTS	Estimated.		9 months ended September 30.	
	Tls.	Tls.	Tls.	Tls.
Brought forward		819,605		551,543.71
POLICE—*continued.*				
Expenses of Prisoners.				
Food	25,350		15,595.77	
Clothing	10,500		10,048.03	
Photographs	1,000		767.24	
Miscellaneous	1,000		952 69	
		37,850		27,363.73
Telephone Service		2,000		1 956.09
Expenses for Catching Stray Dogs	1,205		717.33	
Less—Redemption Fees	1,200		658.25	
		5		59.08
Recruiting Expenses in England		9,750		1,933 89
Maintenance and Repairs.				
Furniture and Fittings	950		2,957.15	
Arms	150		183.57	
		1,100		3,140.72
Gratuities and Rewards		1,500		1,112.59
Musketry Course		1,200		819.10
Miscellaneous		4,000		3,064.08
		877,010		590,992.99
Less.				
Mixed Court Fines	40,000		26,178 15	
Receipts for Special Services	21,000		13,896.05	
Proceeds from Sale of Unclaimed Property	1,000		271.66	
Profit on Convict Labour	30,000	92,000		40,345.86
Totals carried to Summary		785,010		550,647.13
STOCK AND STORES.				
Furniture		16,000		10,063.14
Lamps, whistles, and truncheons		600		723.33
50 Rifles		2,850		2,758.63
Motor Car Accessories		720		54 03
Remounts for patrol		500		
Miscellaneous		5,000		880.39
Totals carried to Summary		25,670		14,479.52

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ORDINARY PAYMENTS.	Estimated.		9 months ended September 30.	
	Tls.	Tls.	Tls.	Tls.
HEALTH DEPARTMENT.				
HEALTH OFFICE.				
Pay and Allowances.				
Foreigners.				
Pay	69,430		48,217.49	
Rent Allowances	660		765.00	
Fuel and Light Allowances	1,080		810.00	
Language Allowances	4,000		2,599.74	
Pay and Allowances Mosquito Extermination Staff		75,170	1,724 42	54,116.65
Chinese.				
Pay	44,250		34,112.48	
Pay Special Plague Prevention Staff	20,000		8,678.25	
Pay Mosquito Extermination Staff		64,250	2,040.24	44,830.97
		139,420		98,947.62
Superannuation		7,100		4,868.40
Passages		500		1,576.78
Locomotion		4,000		2,481.58
Fuel		1,750		1,463.22
Light		1,750		842.48
Water		2,750		1,730.83
Printing, Stationery and Books		1,500		1,696.64
Insurance		770		801.58
Telephone Service		500		309.68
Notification of Infectious Disease		450		115.00
Laboratory Apparatus, Animals and Chemicals		4,500	2,114.75	
„ „ Plague Prevention			670.32	
				2,785.07
Disinfection		7,500	4,019.19	
„ Plague Prevention			3,025.22	
				7,044.41
Sanitary Apparatus and Materials		8,000	2,195.66	
„ „ Plague Prevention			4,837.54	
				7,033.20
House Refuse Disposal		7,500		3,635.09
Maintenance and Repairs		1,500		566.12
Miscellaneous		1,500	575.03	
„ Plague Prevention			578.67	
„ Mosquito Extermination			1,474.41	2,628.11
		190,990		138,525.81
Less.				
Receipts from Laboratory products and Certificates	12,000		9,912.37	
Contribution from French Municipal Council to Laboratory	1,000			
Slaughter House Fees	15,000		10,248.51	
Sale of Ordure	54,000	82,000	41,928.65	62,089.53
Totals carried to Summary		108,990		76,436.28
EXTRA-DEPARTMENTAL.				
Medical Attendance on Staff		7,500		4,885.00
Port Health Work—Contribution to maintenance of Customs Quarantine Station		6,000		4,500.00
Grant to General Hospital	4,000		3,000.00	
„ „ Shantung Road Hospital	2,000		1,500 00	
„ „ St. Luke's Hospital	2,000		1,500.00	
„ „ „ „ Special	5,000	13,000	3,750.00	9,750.00
Totals carried to Summary		26,500		19,135.00

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ORDINARY PAYMENTS.	Estimated.		9 months ended September 30.	
HEALTH DEPARTMENT—*continued.*	Tls.	Tls.	Tls.	Tls.
HOSPITALS.				
Pay and Allowances.				
Foreigners.				
Pay	22,980		15,390.10	
Language Allowances	300		144.00	
Special Duty	2,000	25,280	657.82	16,191.92
Chinese.				
Pay...		7,000		4,324.88
		32,280		20,516.80
Superannuation		3,870		4,059.38
Passages		4,000		2,196.46
Uniform		1,500		403.93
Locomotion		800		563.80
Fuel		4,500		2,791.22
Light		4,500		2,856.84
Water		400		321.05
Printing and Stationery...		400		373.16
Insurance		730		732.37
Telephone Service		400		191.37
Drugs and Instruments		3,500		4,151.67
Messing		18,000		13,763.28
Washing		1,200		1,582.85
Expenses of engaging Staff in England		400		222.35
Maintenance and Repairs		3,000		3,252.60
Miscellaneous		1,000		966.25
		80,480		58,945.38
Less—Receipts from Victoria Nursing Home... ...	25,000		19,868.34	
,, ,, Isolation Hospital	7,000		3,325.26	
,, ,, Police Hospital	2,000		1,561.00	
,, ,, Sanatorium	1,000		819.07	
Contribution from French Municipal Council	600	35,600		25,573.67
Totals carried to Summary		44,880		33,371.71
CEMETERIES, CREMATORIUM AND PUBLIC MORTUARY.				
Pay and Allowances.				
Foreigners.				
Pay	2,500		1,655.31	
Language Allowance	288		209.81	
Chinese. Pay	3,000	5,788	2,301.31	4,166.43
Superannuation		180		251.88
Grave Contractor, etc.		2,500		1,771.98
Fuel		250		212.20
Insurance		50		73.90
Maintenance and Repairs		500		222.82
Miscellaneous		250		106.79
		9,518		6,806.00
Less—Fees for Cremation	500		400.00	
,, Grave making	3,000		1,755.02	
,, Grave spaces	2,500		1,455.00	
,, Reservation	500	6,500	240.00	3,850.02
Totals carried to Summary		3,018		2,955.98
SWIMMING BATH.				
Pay and Allowances.				
Allowance of Assistant Inspector	180		143.22	
Chinese. Pay...	300	480	174.61	317.83
Superannuation				14.32
Light		150		101.94
Water		750		330.60
Insurance		50		50.40
Miscellaneous		400		62.61
		1,830		877.70
Less—Receipts from bathers		750		852.11
Totals carried to Summary		1,080		25.59
STOCK AND STORES.				
Laboratory and Sanitary Apparatus		2,500		1,770.19
Apparatus for Plague Prevention				210.00
Hospital fittings and furniture including that of Police Hospital		7,500		7,779.73
Turnstile for Swimming Bath		350		
Miscellaneous				579.62
Totals carried to Summary		10,350		10,339.54

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ORDINARY PAYMENTS.	Estimated.		9 months ended September 30.	
	Tls.	Tls.	Tls.	Tls.
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.				
GENERAL.				
Pay and Allowances.				
Foreigners.				
Pay	91,760		71,594.63	
Rent Allowances	1,060		730.16	
Fuel and Light Allowances	600		294.19	
Language Allowances	576		557.42	
		93,996		73,176.40
Chinese.				
Pay		11,200		8,282.18
		105,196		81,458.58
Superannuation		9,000		6,763.40
Passages		3,800		4,513.85
Locomotion		6,770		4,738.07
Fuel		250		171.38
Light		500		329.87
Printing, Stationery, Advertising, etc.		2,000		2,134.55
Insurance		146		136.45
Telephone Service		600		429.24
Drawing Materials and Plans		1,000		741.06
Miscellaneous Expenses		1,300		1,505.14
		130,562		102,921.59
Less.—Building Permit fees	3,000		2,218.44	
Private Works Supervision fees	5,000		1,851.63	
Miscellaneous Permit fees	5,500	13,500	5,220.34	9,290.41
Totals carriedto Summary		117,062		93,631.18
BUILDING.				
Upkeep and General Repairs to:—				
Town Hall		2,800		1,756.14
Police Stations		8,000		10,348.89
Health Department Buildings		11,500		9,116.81
Other Municipal Buildings...		10,000		5,673.99
Totals carried to Summary		32,300		26,895.83

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ORDINARY PAYMENTS.	Estimated.		9 months ended September 30.	
	Tls.	Tls.	Tls.	Tls.
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT—*continued.*				
CREEKS AND RIVER.				
Repairs and Renewals to :—				
Bridges	15,200		13,724.76	
Bundings	12,000		3,665.77	
Jetties and Pontoons	5,100		3,271.98	
		32,300		20,662.51
Working expenses of steam dredger		3,500		2,757.70
Cleaning, etc., main lines of creeks		8,000		4,577.77
Totals carried to Summary		43,800		27,997.98
DRAINAGE.				
Constructing new sewers in the following roads :—				
Connaught Road, extending culvert over Hsu Kung Pang	275			
Chungking Road, concrete culvert to replace existing bridge over the Chang Pang. Half cost... ...	350		591.98	
Ferry Road, extending existing culvert near Sinza Road	1,600			
Yates Road, reinforced concrete culvert to replace existing wooden bridge over Sze Pang	2,000			
Hungjao Road, concrete culvert to replace existing wooden bridge	1,570			
Jessfield Road, east side between Connaught Road and Robison Road	410		537.93	
Jessfield Road, extending existing culvert near Brenan Piece	1,424		758.70	
Taku Road, between Cadastral Lots 1370 and 1410 ...	1,440		665.85	
North Honan Road, balance of cost	9,700		8,111.37	
Boundary Road, North Honan Road to North Chekiang Road	8,800		5,444.30	
Wuchow Road, East Yalu Road to Hailar Road ...	1,200		1,468.07	
Kaifeng Road, North Thibet Road to Winchester Road	380			
Alabaster Road, Winchester Road to Kansuh Road ...	2,900		1,856.18	
Kansuh Road, Alabaster Road to North Soochow Road	2,900		3,351.27	
Kiangse Road, reconstruction of existing sewer between Sungkiang and Foochow Roads	9,900		9,720.83	
		44,849		32,506.48
Iron Gully and Manhole Covers...		1,500		1,413.40
Repairing and cleaning drains		8,000		3,142.53
Renewing street gullies		2,000		2,020 64
		56,349		39,083 05
Less—Profit on Concreteware Manufactory		5,000		
Totals carried to Summary		51,349		39,083.05

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ORDINARY PAYMENTS.	Estimated.		9 months ended September 30.	
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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT—*continued.*				
ROADS				
Pay and Allowances.				
Foreigners.				
Pay	23,430		17,655.23	
Rent Allowances	480		215 00	
Language Allownces	432		348.00	
		24,342		18,218.23
Chinese.				
Pay		73,926		43,233.60
		98,268		61,451.83
Superannuation		1,900		1,278.82
Passages		1,300		305.36
Uniform		1,200		1,576.34
Locomotion		1,150		1,022.18
Water		9,000		9,655.31
Insurance		1 150		1,159.97
Medical Aid		300		81.75
Granite chips, sand and broken bricks		67,500		46,240.63
Kerb and Channel		5,000		3,163.95
Chip-pavements and chip-paved margins		6,250		8,512.01
Street pavements		1.,000		6,682.32
Wood paving		3,194		428 65
Tools, renewals and repairs		8,500		4,481.92
Boundary stones		350		415.46
Street name-plates		1,100		544.58
Working expenses of 6 steam-rollers		4,760		2,567.70
Chinese Government Land Tax		300		231.31
Maintenance of carts and harness		7,750		3,715.12
Danger Lamps—oil, repairs, etc.		700		558,00
Stud.				
Metalling	9,240		6,452.60	
Cleansing	27,600		27,096.15	
		36,840		33,548.75
Barging away road detritus		3,150		2,232.33
Raking and repairing mud roads		2,600		2,087.41
Repairs to Foochow pole railings		1,600		867.09
Miscellaneous		1,000		657.28
		274,862		193,466.07
Less.				
Refund by Tramway Co. for maintenance of track surface	7,150		5,169.79	5,169.79
Profit on Pingchiao Quarry	5,000	12,150		
Totals carried to Summary		262,712		188,296.28

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ORDINARY PAYMENTS.	Estimated.		9 months ended September 30.	
	Tls.	Tls.	Tls.	Tls.
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT—*continued*				
LIGHTING.				
Electricity.				
Arc Lamps	40,000			
Incandescent Lamps	3,700			
		43,700		33,847.15
Gas		26,000		17,646.81
Extensions.				
Electricity and Gas		20,000		4,009.61
Oil.				
For outlying districts		1,000		797.12
Totals carried to Summary		90,700		56,300.69
PARKS AND OPEN SPACES.				
Pay.				
Foreigners	6,895		5,970.20	
Chinese	13,983		9,714.28	
		20,878		15,684.48
Superannuation		663		577.00
Passages		650		599.53
Locomotion		500		393.89
Stud		650		561.58
Fuel		500		450.00
Water		1,200		215.40
Lighting Gardens		1,400		912.68
Insurance		200		180.00
Tools, renewals and repairs		400		274.31
Motor lawn mower, gasoline, repairs, etc.		300		57.76
Chinese Government Land Tax...		400		361.52
Repainting hot-houses, seats, etc.		2,000		1,562.58
Trees, shrubs, seeds and turf		2,000		1,932.17
Mud, sand and gravel		550		382.36
Poles and tree fastenings		1,800		2,128.60
Matsheds for Recreation Grounds and Repairs to Fences ...		500		453.24
Miscellaneous		1,800		1,569.60
		36,391		28,296.70
Less—Receipts for hire of plants		600		331.12
Totals carried to Summary		35,791		27,965.58
STOCK AND STORES.				
Shafts and wheels for carts		1,750		1,974.66
Surveying instruments		500		351.82
Chairs and seats for Hongkew Recreation Ground		500		444.72
Chairs for Town Hall		1,000		
1 Motor Lawn Mower		1,800		
Miscellaneous				1,221.78
Totals carried to Summary		5,550		3,992.98

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ORDINARY PAYMENTS	Estimated.		9 months ended September 30.	
	Tls.	Tls.	Tls.	Tls.
SECRETARIAT.				
Pay and Allowances.				
Foreigners.				
Pay	92,980		68,164.38	
Rent Allowances	1,800		1,249.50	
Fuel and Light Allowances	1,080		810.00	
Language Allowances	1,250		577.60	
		97,110		70,801.48
Chinese.				
Pay		25,696		19,881.84
		122,806		90,683.32
Superannuation		9,147		6,844.52
Passages		1,610		2,130.28
Uniform		1,200		972.52
Locomotion		4,500		3,335.16
Fuel		250		229.43
Light		1,150		814.85
Printing, Stationery, Advertising, etc.	10,000		8,965.73	
Printing Annual Report and Budget, etc.	3,700		4,648.61	
Printing Municipal Gazette	3,000		2,538.85	
		16,700		16,153.19
Insurance		115		119.25
Telephone Service		400		318.34
Medical Aid		450		30.57
House and Vehicle Number Plates		500		*Cr.* 99.80
Reporter's Retainer		600		450.00
Miscellaneous		1,000		877.24
		160,428		122,858.87
Less—Charged to Industrial Undertakings		3,600		2,250.00
Totals carried to Summary		156,828		120,608.87
STOCK AND STORES.				
Miscellaneous		1,000		1,389.00
Totals carried to Summary		1,000		1,389.00

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ORDINARY PAYMENTS.	Estimated.		9 months ended September 30.	
	Tls.	Tls.	Tls.	Tls.
VOLUNTEERS.				
Pay and Allowances.				
Foreigners.				
Pay	11,010		8,492.85	
Fuel and Light Allowances	360		270.00	
Allowance to officers attending Schools of Instruction	540			
		11,910		8,762.85
Chinese.				
Pay		3,792		2,171.46
		15,702		10,934.31
Passages		600		599.53
Locomotion		1,040		507.78
Fuel		300		238.78
Light		1,000		737.91
Printing, Stationery, Advertising, etc.		1,500		703.48
Insurance		606		575 13
Telephone Service		350		245.89
Postage		300		199.27
Uniform		5,000		3,588.96
Accoutrements		1,000		45.49
Band...		150		93.75
Artillery Ponies		1,500		1,718.31
Repairs to Arms and Equipment		1,500		1,056.88
Ammunition		5,000		3,868.01
Camp of Exercise		2,000		1.531.59
Subscription to N.R.A.		87		94.97
Maintenance of Range	2,500		909.78	
Less—Proceeds from sale of Cartridge cases, etc. ...	1,250		929 96	
		1,250		*Cr.* 20.18
Miscellaneous expenses		2,000		727.77
Totals carried to Summary		40,885		27,447.63
STOCK AND STORES				
Short Rifles and Bayonets		8,500		
Office Desks		80		77.69
Ponies		260		225.00
Typewriter		150		185 00
Ammunition				8,378.50
Miscellaneous				1,128.59
		8,990		9,994.78
Less—Ammunition sold and used				6,590.66
Totals carried to Summary		8,990		3,404.12

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ORDINARY PAYMENTS.	Estimated.		9 months ended September 30.	
	Tls	Tls.	Tls.	Tls.
PUBLIC BAND.				
Pay and Allowances.				
Europeans.				
Pay		16,755		12,022.50
Manilamen.				
Pay	18,690		14.665.56	
Rent Allowances	2,200		1,556.05	
Fuel do.	500	21,390	221.32	16,442.93
		38,145		28,465.43
Superannuation		3,730		2,713.92
Passages...		2,300		1,283.40
Locomotion		1,000		890.15
Medical Aid		200		62.90
Printing, Stationery, Advertising, etc.		700		595.77
Insurance		15		11.25
Uniform		800		248.50
New Music		250		298.33
Repairs to Instruments, etc, ...		200		325.37
Miscellaneous		300		634.04
		47,640		35,529.06
Less—Contribution from French Municipal Council ...	1,500			
Council's share of receipts for private services ...	4,500	6,000	3,542.50	3,542.50
Totals carried to Summary		41,640		31,986.56

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ORDINARY PAYMENTS.	Estimated.		9 months ended September 30.	
	Tls.	Tls.	Tls.	Tls.
FIRE BRIGADE.				
Pay.				
Foreigners	4,480		3,688.62	
Chinese	11,250		9,400.17	
		15,730		13,088.79
Stud		6,400		4,092.36
Superannuation		350		268.74
Passages		620		626.48
Locomotion		600		485.24
Printing and Stationery		150		153.15
Insurance		200		192.71
Medical Aid		200		267.35
Uniform		2,630		1,034.49
Fuel		2,360		2,428.47
Light		2,400		1,865.50
Water		1,200		1,114.82
Materials and Coal for Workshop		3,000		3,012.98
Plant, Maintenance and Repairs		1,600		4,421.10
Hose renewals		5,700		*Cr.* 11.41
Telephones and Fire Alarms		1,700		1,415.91
Refreshments for Firemen at Fires		500		377.48
Company Cups		180		247.83
Miscellaneous Expenses		250		146.95
		45,770		35,228.94
Less.—Receipts from Blacksmiths' labour	6,000		4,594.96	
Receipts from services of Fire Float	1,000	7,000		4,594.96
Totals carried to Summary		38,770		30,633.98
STOCK AND STORES.				
Horses and Ponies		2,500		442.85
Hook and Ladder Truck		1,750		
Miscellaneous				592.70
Totals carried to Summary... ...		4,250		1,035.55

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ORDINARY PAYMENTS.	Estimated.		9 months ended September 30.	
	Tls.	Tls.	Tls.	Tls.
EDUCATIONAL GRANTS.				
PUBLIC SCHOOL.				
Pay and Allowances.				
Foreigners.				
Pay	30,627		22,603.24	
Rent Allowances	540		405.00	
Fuel and Light Allowances	360		270.00	
		31,527		23,278.24
Chinese.				
Pay		870		570.56
		32,397		23,848.80
Superannuation		3,110		2,093.58
Passages		1,200		1,934.99
Fuel		300		187.86
Light		150		96.69
Printing, Stationery and Advertising		1,200		228.66
Insurance		153		155.80
Telephone Service		40		56.89
Laboratory		100		34.77
Text Books		100		346.92
Kindergarten Material, etc.		100		10.45
Expenses of Evening Classes		50		*Cr.* 204.63
Maintenance and Repairs		200		98.89
Miscellaneous		550		905.31
		39,650		29,794.98
Less—School fees		24,000		16,630.53
Totals carried to Summary		15,650		13,164.45
STOCK AND STORES.				
Furniture ...Carried to Summary		750		421.90
PUBLIC SCHOOL FOR CHINESE.				
Pay and Allowances.				
Foreigners.				
Pay	8,770		6,146.03	
Rent Allowances	450		270.00	
Fuel and Light Allowances	360		270.00	
		9,580		6,686.03
Chinese.				
Pay		7,210		4,524.52
		16,790		11,210.55
Superannuation		1,070		754.08
Passages		470		-
Fuel		120		36.14
Light		80		39.94
Printing, Stationery and Advertising		600		361.43
Insurance		120		121.50
Text Books		250		*Cr.* 181.62
Maintenance and Repairs		200		26.70
Miscellaneous		300		287.05
		20,000		12,655.77
Less—School fees		9,000		9,329.27
Totals carried to Summary		11,000		3,326.50
STOCK AND STORES.				
Miscellaneous ...Carried to Summary				114.17

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ORDINARY PAYMENTS	Estimated.		9 months ended September 30.	
	Tls.	Tls.	Tls.	Tls.
EDUCATIONAL GRANTS (*Contd.*)				
GENERAL.				
THOMAS HANBURY SCHOOL	1,500			1,125.00
FRENCH ORPHANAGE	1,000			750.00
ST. XAVIER'S SCHOOL	1,500			1,350.00
SHANGHAI JEWISH SCHOOL	500			375.00
DOOR OF HOPE	2,000			1,500.00
REFUGE FOR CHINESE SLAVE CHILDREN	1,000			750.00
SHANGHAI LIBRARY...	1,000			750.00
SHANGHAI MUSEUM	1,000			500.0
do. SPECIAL	2,000			1,419.79
Totals carried to Summary	11,500			8,519.79
GENERAL CHARGES.				
Legal Expenses, etc.		3,500		10,095.49
Audit Fee		1,700		1,290.62
Semaphore Service		2,000		
Pew-rents and Relief of Poor		500		214.00
Rent of Municipal Properties.				
Public Recreation Ground	600		450.00	
Police Stations	1,760		1,460.00	
Police Quarters...	7,644		5,906.37	
Fire Brigade	2,100		1,650.00	
Depôts	705	12,809	853.22	10,319.59
Pension of Accountant, resigned				2,138.45
Totals carried to Summary		20,509		24,058.15
INTEREST.				
On General Loans and Special Loan	111,400		50,073.05	
On Savings Bank, Security Deposits, etc.	33,500		18,160.65	
		144,900		68,233 70
Less—Trust Funds, Investment Account, etc... ...		39,800		33,196.24
Totals carried to Summary		105,100		35,037.46
REDEMPTION OF DEBENTURES.				
Repayment of proportionate amount of Debentures outstanding		143,700		20,800.00
Totals carried to Summary		143,700		20,800.00

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SUMMARY.

ORDINARY PAYMENTS. Totals from preceding pages.	Estimated		9 months ended September 30	
	Tls.	Tls.	Tls.	Tls.
Police	**785,010 00**		**550.647 13**	
Stock and Stores	25,670.00		14,479.52	
		810,680.00		565,126.65
Health Department :—				
Office	108,990.00		76,436.28	
Extra-Departmental	26,500.00		19,135.00	
Hospitals	44,880.00		33,371.71	
Cemeteries	3,018.00		2,955.98	
Swimming Bath	1,080 00		25.59	
	184,468.00		**131.924.56**	
Stock and Stores	10,350.00		10,339.54	
		194,818.00		142,264.10
Public Works Department :—				
General	117,062.00		93,631.18	
Buildings	32,300 00		26,895.83	
Creeks and River	43,800.00		27,997.98	
Drainage	51,349.00		39,083.05	
Roads	262,712.00		188,296.28	
Lighting	90,700.00		56,300.69	
Parks and Open Spaces	35,791.00		27,965.58	
	633.714.00		**460.170.59**	
Stock and Stores	5 550.00		3,992.98	
		639,264.00		464,163.57
Secretariat	**156.828.00**		**120,608.87**	
Stock and Stores	1,000 00		1,389 00	
		157,828 00		121,997.87
Volunteers	**40.885 00**		**27,447 63**	
Stock and Stores	8,990.00		3,404.12	
		49,875.00		30,851.75
Public Band		**41,640 00**		**31,986.56**
Fire Brigade	**38 770.00**		**30,633.98**	
Stock and Stores	4,250.00		1,035.55	
		43,020.00		31,669.53
Educational Grants :—				
Public School	**15.650 00**		**13,164 45**	
Stock and Stores	750.00		421 90	
		16.400.00		**13,586.35**
Public School for Chinese		**11.000 00**	**3.326 50**	
Stock and Stores			114 17	**3,440.67**
General		**11.500.00**		**8.519 79**
General Charges		**20.509 00**		**24 058 15**
Interest		**105.100.00**		**35 037.46**
Redemption of Debentures		**143.700.00**		**20,800.00**
		2,245,334.00		1,493,502.45

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

SHOWING EXPENDITURE OVER THE PAST FIVE YEARS.

ORDINARY PAYMENTS.	1904	1905	1906	1907	1908	Budget 1909
Police Department	**308,412.94**	**341,953.15**	**399,950.35**	**485,693.32**	**654,806.62**	**785,010.00**
Stock and Stores	4,419.78	9,879.36	11,888.51	33,732.15	29,835.43	25,67 .00
	312,832.72	351,832.51	411,838 86	519,425.47	684,642.05	810,680.00
Health Department	**45,150.32**	**64,141.68**	**86,846.29**	**108,658.93**	**123,022.23**	**184,468.00**
Stock and Stores	3,755.73	6,808.24	3.911.19	11,655.25	11,363.09	10,350.00
	48,906.05	70,949.92	90,757.48	120,314.18	134 385.32	194,818 00
Public Works Dept	**485,742.79**	**451,123.96**	**492,982.49**	**528,496.03**	**541,508.97**	**633,714.00**
Stock and Stores	20,697.34	3,411.95	11,415.74	27,094.77	28,325.33	5,550.00
	506 440.13	454,535.91	504,398.23	555,590 80	569.834,30	639,264.00
Secretariat	**110,104.25**	**112,023.29**	**123,124.88**	**135,233.81**	**144,396.33**	**156,828.00**
Stock and Stores	1,613.25	216.43	33.26	1,445.66	3,034.12	1,000.00
	111,717.50	112,239.72	123,158.14	136,679.47	147,430.45	157,828.00

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EXTRAORDINARY RECEIPTS.		Estimated.		9 months ended September 30.	
		Tls.	Tls.	Tls.	Tls.
Surplus from 1908			10,062.46		10,062.46
Surplus on Ordinary Budget			224,366.00		
Debentures			430,000.00		291,400.00
	Tls.				
Amount authorized—Resolution VI	400,000				
Less: Wood paving Nanking Road—Resolution VI	70,000				
	330,000				
Add: Volunteer Headquarters site—Resolution XI	100,000				
	430,000				
Total of Extraordinary Receipts			664,428.46		301 462.46

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EXTRAORDINARY PAYMENTS.	Estimated		9 months ended September 30.	
	Tls.	Tls.	Tls.	Tls.
Bridges.				
Yangkingpang, widening of the Bund Bridge, one-fourth of cost	10,000			
Singkeipang, reinforced concrete bridge at Chaoufoong Road	4,000		973.09	
		14,000		973.09
Bundings.				
Soochow Creek, in concrete :—				
From Fokien Road to Cadastral Lot 298	5,000		1,078.04	
Soochow Road east of Chekiang Road Bridge ...	4,150		2,977.55	
		9,150		4,055.59
Drainage.				
Great Western Road, culvert from Defence Creek to Mohawk Road, half cost	16,750		12,510.90	
Defence Creek, brick culvert between Great Western Road and Yangkingpang, half cost	2,200			
Jehol and Kaifeng Roads, reinforced concrete sewer ...	10,000		4,716.84	
		28,950		17,227.74
Landing Stages.				
Soochow Creek in reinforced concrete :—				
At Astor Road to replace existing wooden jetty ...	900			
East and west of North Chekiang Road	1,000		473 03	
East of Fokien Road	500			
Hongkew Creek in wood :—				
Two jetties between East Yalu and East Yuhang Roads	900			
Yangtszepoo Creek in wood :—				
South of Yangtszepoo Road	900			
		4,200		473.03
Land.				
Central Offices, extension	90,000			
Eastern Police Depôt, extension and raising ...	8,500		453.53	
Market for Yangtszepoo	5,000			
Bubbling Well Cemetery, raising and turfing south-west corner	2.450		2,196.61	
Bubbling Well Cemetery extension Victoria Nursing Home extension Isolation Hospital extension }	15,000			
Latrine sites	2,000		3.20	
3 Public Works Depôts in Eastern District, Tls. 34,000, portion of cost	15,000			
Wayside Park, balance of cost	5,000		55.10	
Hungjao Road Nursery, balance of cost	1,000		466.12	
Mokanshan Sanatorium, extension	5,000		2,588.91	
Volunteer Headquarters site	100,000			
Surplus Land			16,910.33	
		248,950		22,673.80
Buildings.				
Police.				
Hongkew Station, Additional Building, Indian Kitchen and Beggars' Cells, balance of cost	5,500		4,971.24	
Hongkew Station, Extra Gates, Fences, etc.	675		650.00	
Wayside Station, Additional Building and Alterations, balance of cost	26,000		24,555.44	
Gaol, Quarters and Godown, balance of cost	550			
,, Raising Extension, balance of cost	1,450		1,504.11	
,, Work Sheds	12,000		774.05	
,, Laundry, Baths, etc., Tls. 20,500, portion of cost	10,000			
,, Guard Room			372.32	
Western Depôt, Foreign Quarters and Store, etc., balance of cost	39,000		33,049 76	
,, ,, Inspectors' Quarters, balance of cost ...	12,500		9,657.56	
,, ,, Dog Kennels, balance of cost ...	600		216.92	
Eastern Depôt, Boundary Wall and Gates, Tls. 10,000, portion of cost	2,000			
Carried forward	110,275	305,250	75,751.40	45,403.25

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EXTRAORDINARY PAYMENTS.	Estimated.		9 months ended September 30.	
	Tls.	Tls.	Tls.	Tls.
Brought forward	110,275	305,250	75,751.40	45,403.25
Buildings—continued.				
Public Health.				
Bubbling Well Cemetery, Buildings and Wall, balance of cost	600		532.71	
Victoria Nursing Home, Fire Service			2,377.00	
Isolation Hospital, Additional Building	5,000			
,, ,, Alteration to Quarters... ...	6,000		103.90	
Hospital for Chinese, balance of cost	9,500		8,942 16	
Sinza Market, Transfer and Enlargement, balance of cost	4,750		3,862.43	
Market for Yangtszepoo Tls. 6,000, portion of cost ...	3,000			
New latrines...	2,000		489.64	
Fire Brigade.				
Sinza Fire Station, Tls. 43,000, portion of cost ...	23,000		8,345.78	
Miscellaneous.				
Carpenters' shops, Concreteware Depôt	2,500		1,976.71	
Overseers' Office, Hart Road Depôt	600		592.74	
Steam Roller Shed, Northern District...	400		363.62	
Pavilion for Public School at Hongkew Recreation Ground	750		676.88	
		168,375		104,014.97
Parks and Open Spaces.				
Hongkew Recreation Ground, Raising Section A, balance of cost	1,300		176.49	
Hongkew Recreation Ground, Turfing and Laying out Sections A, D, E and F	7,600		7,417.52	
Hongkew Recreation Ground, Trees and Shrubs...	800		643.49	
Hongkew Recreation Ground, Summer-house, Foot-path, etc.	300	10,000	242.48	8,479.98
Roads.				
Acquiring land for new roads, and extension of existing roads	120,000		37,749.12	
,, for widening existing roads ...			57,169.03	
			94,918 15	
,, for widening Peking Road			26,633.40	
			121,551.55	
Making up and metalling the above	60,000	180,000	61,822.92	183,374.47
Suspense Account				50,197.03
		663,625		**391,469.70**

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Council Room,
Shanghai, December 1, 1909.

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MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION.

No. 1992.

It is requested that Cheques and Compradore orders, whether in payment of Taxes or other Municipal demands and accounts, be made payable to "The Shanghai Municipal Council" and not to any Department or individual.

By order,

W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

Council Room,
Shanghai, December 2, 1909.

MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION.

No. 1993.

LECTURES ON HYGIENE, HOME NURSING AND FIRST AID.

COURSES of lectures in accordance with the syllabus of the St. John Ambulance Association will be given during the ensuing winter in HYGIENE, HOME NURSING AND FIRST AID.

The fees for each course of lectures will be $5, which will include bandages and other apparatus, together with a copy of the authorised text book of the subject lectured upon.

At the conclusion of each course an examination will be held for the certificates and medallions awarded by the St. John Ambulance Association.

As ladies attending the lectures in Home Nursing should have previously attended a course in First Aid, a special Course of lectures in First Aid will be given provided a sufficient number of names are sent in to the Health Officer by December 7.

By order,

W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

Council Room,
Shanghai, December 2, 1909.

AT the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, November 24, 1909, at 4.30 p.m., there are present:

Messrs. D. Landale (*Chairman*)
H. De Gray
F. C. Heffer
W. D. Little
H. A. J. Macray
O. Meuser
W. A. C. Platt
J. Prentice
T. E. Trueman
The Secretary and
Assistant Secretary.

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

The minutes of the last meeting are read, confirmed, signed by the Chairman and passed for publication.

Consular Body.

A letter from the retiring Consul-General for France is read, expressing appreciation of the cordial relations which have existed between himself and the Council.

Translation of letter from the French Consul-General to the Council dated November 24, 1909.

SIR,—I have the honour to inform you that by a decree of the President of the Republic dated October 29 last, I have been nominated to the Legation of France at Santa Fé de Bogota, and charged with the functions of Envoy Extraordinary, and Minister Plenipotentiary of the French Republic, to the Government of the United States of Columbia.

By a decree of the same date M. De la Batie, Consul-General for France at Yokohama is placed in charge of the Consulate-General at Shanghai.

My intention is to hand the duties of this post on December 4 next to Mr. Feit, Acting Consul, who will remain at the head of this Consulate-General until the arrival of M. De la Batie.

At the moment of quitting Shanghai I must thank you personally for all the facilities which I have been given by your administration in the accomplishment of my mission at Shanghai. Thanks to the common good will, the relations between our two Settlements are excellent from all points of view, and I beg you especially to act as my interpreter to Colonel Bruce in respect to the tact and kindness which he has not ceased to introduce in arrangement of the little daily incidents which inevitably occur upon our common boundaries.

I have been happy to be able to collaborate to a slight extent with my colleagues of the Consular Body and the Municipal Council, in the administration of the Model Settlement, and this recollection will not be the least agreeable of my career.

I beg you to bring to the knowledge of your colleagues of the Municipal Council the wishes for prosperity which I entertain towards the Foreign Settlement, and to accept for yourself personally an expression of my best regards.

I am, etc.,

L. RATARD.

D. LANDALE, Esq.,
Chairman, Municipal Council.

Council Room,
Shanghai, Nov. 26, 1909.

SIR,—I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of November 24, informing the Council of your nomination as Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of the French Republic to the United States of Columbia.

I have noted the arrangements made with reference to your successor and the acting appointment of M. Feit pending his arrival.

I have the honour to inform you that the Council is much gratified by the warm sentiments which you express in respect to the administration of the Foreign Settlement, and in particular observes with satisfaction your very marked recognition of Colonel Bruce's agreeable relations with yourself.

Upon all occasions in which the Council has stood in need of your support or co-operation I am bound to record that your courtesy has been unfailing, and, in conclusion, I trust that I may be permitted to express my full confidence that the same administrative talents which you have had opportunity to exercise as Consul-General for France at Shanghai will find congenial scope and prove of no small advantage at the Legation of Santa Fé de Bogota.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,
DAVID LANDALE,
Chairman.

L. RATARD, Esq.,
Consul-General for France.

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Police.

Foreign Branch.—The following are appointed 3rd Class Constables, being a draft of six recruits engaged through the London Agents with the assistance of Colonel A. W. A. Pollock. These men arrived on November 27 per str. Palawan :—

H. J. Beach
F. C. Clarke
W. H. Coles
A. W. Jones
D. Lawrie
W. McGillivray.

The engagement of J. Wright as Warder on six months' probation is authorized with effect from November 25.

Arming of Warders.—A report by the Captain-Superintendent is submitted on the present methods in force for guarding convicts at work outside the Gaol building, with suggestions for their improvement. His recommendation is adopted that Sikh Warders in charge of working gangs be armed henceforth with buckshot cartridges in lieu of bullets, also that the men on this duty discard bayonets. This measure, in Colonel Bruce's opinion, will tend to lessen the likelihood of convicts attempting escape. It is based upon experience gained in the Transvaal Prisons Department and upon the practice in force at H.M. Prison at Dartmoor.

Financial Administration and Control.

Reports by the Acting Accountant, Captain-Superintendent of Police, Acting Engineer and Health Officer, on this subject, are submitted and considered, and the proposals of the Finance Committee based thereon are endorsed:—

Accounts Office,
Shanghai, Sept. 17, 1909.

In view of the fact that the Accounts Office has been understaffed for some considerable time past, I have had somewhat severe difficulties to contend against in carrying out your instructions in connexion with the above matter. It must be recognized that, however great the need for re-organization may be, it is nevertheless essential that the ordinary work of the Municipality should proceed uninterruptedly ; and in realizing this I have had to devote a considerable part of my time towards ensuring that the work of the Accounts Office proceeded as smoothly as circumstances would allow.

The experience I have gained in conducting the work of this Office and the limited time I have been able to devote to investigation work, has, however, enabled me to form a very strong opinion against the adequacy of the existing system of control to efficiently cope with present conditions, which it must be remembered are very different from those obtaining in the earlier years of the Municipality's history.

I wish it to be clearly understood, however, that these remarks are directed entirely against the system, and in no way refer to its administration, which, as far as my experience has gone, could hardly have been better.

The existing system practically means that each department more or less controls its own financial operations, reporting to the Council from time to time the liabilities it has incurred, which are recommended for payment. It is thus obvious that the Council can never be aware at any time as to the extent to which its credit has been pledged.

There are many other weaknesses in the system, which I do not propose to discuss in detail, inasmuch as the failure to disclose outstanding liabilities is sufficient in itself to condemn it.

In considering the merits or demerits of any system of financial control in connexion with the transactions of a Municipality, it is, in my opinion, very important that the functions of the Finance Committee should be clearly appreciated.

The Standing Orders of the Council contain the following paragraph :—

"To the Finance Committee shall "be referred questions relating to the "work of the Accountant's and Tax "Office ; this Committee will super- "vise all matters financial; will frame "the annual estimates of receipts and "expenditure and hear appeals on "rating, assessment, etc."

The above powers are practically the same as those given to Finance Committees of English Municipalities, and have been proved, at home, to be adequate.

The Finance Committee of the Shanghai Municipal Council, although it may have adequate powers for supervising financial matters, is apparently considerably handicapped by the fact, that owing to the weakness of the existing system of administration, accurate advice cannot be obtained as to the true state of the public finances at any given time. Without this information at its disposal, I cannot see how the Finance Committee can possibly exercise the powers with which it is endowed to the best advantage.

It is to remedy this unsatisfactory state of affairs that my investigations have been chiefly directed.

It has been found both in the working of English and American Municipalities, that the "Central" system of administration and control gives by far the best results. This system has for its object the focusing in one department (usually called the Finance Department) of every transaction involving the receipt or expenditure of money, from its inception to its close. The head of the Finance Department (who is in some cases given the title of Treasurer, and in others that of Comptroller) is thus enabled to supply the Council and its Committees with the fullest possible information from time to time as to the position of the public finances.

I have now to recommend that the "Central" system of administration and control be adopted by the Shanghai Municipal Council, and the following suggestions are framed with the view of rendering the system practicable at the earliest possible moment:—

1.—That the suggested Treasurer shall be placed at the head of a department to be called the Finance Department.

2.—That the Accounts and Tax offices shall form a branch of the Finance Department which shall be immediately under the control of the Finance Committee.

3.—That the Treasurer shall be responsible for the proper keeping of the Council's books of account.

To enable the Treasurer to supervise and control the accounting methods of the various departments, I am of opinion that it will be necessary to organize an internal audit staff.

While this internal audit is being organized, and until it is in working order, I would suggest that the chief clerks of the various departments be considered as members of the Finance Department working in other offices for the sake of convenience of administration. The necessity for this change will be apparent when it is remembered that in any organization of any size there is always a danger of work being duplicated unless the whole scheme of accounting is under Central control.

4.—That a Requisition Book in approved form (vide Schedule 1) be kept by every department, in which shall be entered full particulars of work or articles required, the estimated cost of which will not exceed Tls. 300.

5.—That in the event of work or articles being required the estimated cost of which exceeds Tls. 300, details as before shall be entered in the Requisition Book, and in addition a special report on the matter shall be prepared by the Head of the Department concerned.

6.—That in the event of work or articles being required, under such circumstances as would, in the opinion of the Head of the Department, render delay injurious to the service, such work or articles shall be ordered by the Head of the Department, particulars being entered in the Requisition Book in red ink, together with an explanation of the circumstances rendering the order necessary.

The Requisition Book will be forwarded direct to the Treasurer at least three clear days before the meeting of the Committee controlling the particular department. The Treasurer will examine each item, and if necessary report on any matter calling for comment. The book will then be signed by the Treasurer and forwarded to the Secretary for submission to the Committee. If the Committee approve the requisitions, and the orders which have been issued on the responsibility of the Head of the Department, since the date of the last meeting, the book will be signed by the Chairman. The Finance Committee will subsequently signify its approval in a similar manner.

7.—That an Order Book in approved form (vide Schedule 2) shall be kept by each department, from which book all orders shall be made out.

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All orders will be signed by the Head of the Department or by the officer doing duty for him. The present practice of issuing unofficial orders will be discontinued.

8.—That the Treasurer shall be supplied at the earliest possible moment with full copies of the minutes of the meetings of the Council and of the various Committees.

9.—That the Council's interpretation of Clause XXV of the Land Regulations shall be notified each Head of Department, to the effect that "each item in the Budget should, in the Council's opinion, be handled separately, and be adhered to without reference to any excess or saving in any other item."

10.—That the present form of Payments Book shall be discarded in favour of a loose leaf form, arranged so that a carbon copy of each sheet can be obtained (vide Schedule III), and that the books be sent to the Finance Department once a week instead of once a month, as at present.

The Treasurer will examine and compare each item with the Requisition Book. If correct the book will be signed by him and forwarded to the Secretary for submission to the appropriate Committees.

11.—That no report or statement bearing directly or indirectly upon the public finances, shall be submitted to the Council, or to any of its Committees without it having first been submitted in duplicate to the Treasurer.

The Treasurer will retain the duplicate copy for reference, and will forward the original to the Secretary with any comment thereon he may think it necessary to make.

12.—That the Treasurer attend all meetings of the Council and of its Committees.

The above is a tentative suggestion. It would, at any rate, appear desirable for the Treasurer to attend all meetings during the first few months after his appointment, after which the matter could be reconsidered. Meetings of the Finance Committee should, of course, always be attended by the Treasurer.

13.—That the Treasurer shall be responsible for all monies belonging to the Municipality.

All cheques should be made payable to the order of the Shanghai Municipal Council, and will be endorsed by the Treasurer. Under no circumstances whatever should cheques or compradore orders be made payable to any official of the Council.

14.—That cheques be drawn in payment of all accounts amounting to or exceeding the sum of Tls. 50, and that they be signed by two members of the Finance Committee, the Secretary and the Treasurer.

15.—That compradore orders be drawn in payment of all dollar accounts and for accounts for sums under Tls 50, and that all compradore orders be signed by a Sub-Accountant and the Treasurer.

16.—That all Debit Notes be made out on a form bearing the printed name of the Treasurer, and that they be initialled by the officer responsible for the accuracy of their preparation.

17.—That the responsibility for the proper upkeep and repairs to all public buildings remain as heretofore with the Municipal Engineer, but that the existing Public Works Department Requisition Book be abolished.

In the event of any Head of Department requiring alterations or repairs to any of the buildings connected with his department, he will enter particulars of his requirements in his Requisition Book, accompanied by quotations from the Public Works Department and from outside firms.

18.—That quotations be obtained for all work or articles the estimated cost of which amounts to Tls. 50 or over.

The original quotations will be submitted to the Committee with the Requisition Book.

19.—That the Budget of each department, accompanied by the fullest explanatory details, be forwarded to the Treasurer for examination before being submitted to the Council or to any of its Committees.

It is of the greatest importance that an exhaustive examination should be made in the Finance Department of the estimates under each heading of the Budget. To enable this work to be efficiently carried out, the various departmental estimates should be forwarded to the Treasurer at the earliest possible moment.

I wish it to be clearly understood that the foregoing suggestions do not pretend to be, nor are they, by any means exhaustive, but it is, in my opinion, essential that their adoption should synchronize with the appointment of the Treasurer, otherwise that official will have nominal powers, which it will be quite impossible for him to exercise intelligently.

There can be no question that the appointment of a General Storekeeper and the establishment of a Stationery Office would in the course of time have excellent results, but I hesitate to recommend these innovations at the present time. It must be remembered that, however advantageous they may be in theory, they would inevitably entail a considerable amount of organizing before they could give the best results. I am of the opinion that it would be advisable to allow a little time for the foregoing suggestions (if adopted) to settle down into smooth running order, before embarking on further schemes.

As far as possible all departmental requirements for stationery should be consolidated. There is, necessarily, a considerable quantity of note, typewriting paper, and other stationery articles required in the Municipal Offices, and if the requirements of the various departments were collected on one aggregate order, and tenders for the supply invited, an appreciable saving under this heading could probably be effected.

The question of the proper record and issue of stores is a very important one. When it is remembered, that, as an asset, stores are the equivalent of cash, but more readily open to misuse or loss in the absence of strict supervision, the importance of keeping careful records is at once apparent. In connexion with this matter I have visited certain of the Public Works Department Depôts, and also the Police Stores Room. The books kept at the former, were, generally speaking, adequate, but I did not find in any of them records of the quantity of "road materials" or of Gaol-made articles delivered to or from the respective Depôts. With the inclusion of these particulars the abolishment of the practice of issuing unofficial orders, and a more definite allocation of the responsibility to one official (preferably the chief clerk), I am of the opinion that the existing system can remain in operation, at any rate for the present.

The records kept by the Police are very exhaustive and the books appear to be well arranged, and to afford full information of the history of each item of stores. Unfortunately, however, there is no connecting link between the books kept by the Police, and those kept in the Accounts Office. This is one of the weaknesses that the suggested internal audit is designed to remedy.

No issue should be made from stores except on a requisition form signed by the Head of the Department or by the officer doing duty for him. These requisitions should be addressed to the Storekeeper and should contain particulars of the last issue of similar stores to the requisitioning officer and the purpose for which the stores were required.

It must not be inferred from the above remarks that the present system of handling and recording stores is the best that can be devised, but I consider that there are innumerable other matters calling for immediate attention, and that therefore the question of appointing a General Storekeeper and the establishment of a Stationery Office should be allowed to remain in abeyance for the present, on the understanding that the question be thoroughly gone into at the earliest convenient moment.

I have carefully read the Chairman's remarks at the last Ratepayers-Meeting in explanation of the various items of unauthorized expenditure incurred during the course of last year, and while fully realizing the saving effected by purchasing land before public attention has been drawn to the fact that the land is required for Municipal purposes, yet I venture to express the opinion that it would be preferable to obtain the sanction of the Ratepayers before embarking on any expenditure not specifically included in the Budget.

There are of course cases (such as the plague-prevention measures adopted during the current year) which it would be obviously absurd to hold back until the Ratepayers had expressed an opinion thereon, but I am strongly of the opinion that (except in similar cases to the one quoted—which fortunately occur infrequently) any matter involving expenditure not specifically included in the Budget should be made the subject of a special Ratepayers' Meeting. If the matter is not of sufficient importance to justify the calling of such a Meeting,

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the presumption is that it could very well be left over for inclusion in the next Budget.

There is, however, one recurring item of expenditure which is extremely difficult to estimate, and that is the expenditure on acquiring land for new roads, etc. It is of course imperative to acquire this land as and when opportunity offers, if the policy of road extensions and widenings is to be adhered to. The suggestions made upon the matter in my report dated June 9 are now in force, and although the position is clearly set forth month by month, the object aimed at does not appear to be gained. I think it well, therefore, to admit, that if the existing policy is to remain in force, it is practically impossible to estimate with any exactitude the probable yearly expenditure under this heading. The only alternative to giving the Council discretionary powers in this matter, is for an additional Ratepayers' Meeting to be held during the year, for the purpose of voting further supplies if they are found to be needed.

Accounts.—There has been a good deal of diversity of opinion in England and elsewhere, upon the question of the best basis for preparing the accounts of Municipalities. In January 1906 a Departmental Committee was appointed by the President of the Local Government Board to enquire into and report upon the matter.

The investigations of this Committee disclosed the fact that in some instances accounts were prepared upon the basis of Receipts and Payments, while in others the principle of Income and Expenditure was adopted. The Committee strongly recommended that the latter basis should be adopted by all Municipalities.

A Receipts and Payments Account has the merit of simplicity, but, unfortunately this is earned at the expense of completeness. An account prepared on this basis deals exclusively with cash transactions; outstanding liabilities or accrued income being ignored.

An Income and Expenditure Account, on the other hand, deals with all incomings and outgoings relating to a given period, whether actually received and disbursed, or not.

The accounts of the Municipality of Shanghai cannot strictly be said to be framed upon either of these two principles. The original idea was embodied in the Annual Report of the year 1897, wherein it was stated that "the financial "statement for the year is simply a "cash statement of current revenue "and of the working expenses of the "Municipality. On the receipt side "are included only actual receipts "during the twelve months, and similarly "the expenditure side shows only actual "disbursements."

If this ruling had been adhered to the account would be now what its name implies—a Receipts and Payments account.

I find, however, that the above ruling has been departed from to the following extent. At the end of each financial period the books of account are kept open until the various departmental Payments Books containing accounts relating to the last month of the period, are passed by the Council for payment. Cheques or compradore orders are then drawn in discharge of these accounts. When these cheques and compradore orders have been presented they are posted to the respective headings which they affect, and the books are then closed. By this method each financial period bears, more or less, the actual expenses chargeable to it. This result is, however, arrived at by keeping the books of account open for a considerably longer period than should be necessary: there is also a danger of accounts being inadvertently omitted by the departments from their Payments Books, and consequently not being charged against the year to which they properly refer.

There can be no doubt that the only satisfactory basis upon which the accounts of a Municipality of any size should be prepared is that of Income and Expenditure. The suggestions I have previously made with regard to the keeping of a Requisition Book, etc. by each department will enable this to be done in the future, although I am not in a position to recommend the change for the current year's accounts, as I anticipate that it will take some little time before the suggestions made under the heading of "Financial Control" can hope to give the maximum results, by reason of the number of outstanding accounts incurred before the adoption of the new system. Until all these have been absorbed and accounted for it is obvious that the working of the system will be a trifle involved.

The practice which has been adopted recently of publishing quarterly statements of account, is a very unusual one in connexion with the accounts of Municipalities, and entails a considerable amount of detail work, necessarily, to the exclusion of other matters. If the suggestions I have made under the heading of "Financial Control" are adopted, the staff of the Accounts Office will have all it can do to efficiently cope with the amount of extra work entailed, and I therefore suggest that the publication of quarterly statements of account be discontinued during the year 1910. I make this suggestion knowing that it will not be a popular one to the general body of Ratepayers, but I consider that in an exceptional time like the present every possible facility should be given the official having charge of very delicate reorganization work, and that he should be relieved, as far as possible of all unnecessary detail.

In the place of these quarterly statements I think it will be possible to furnish the Council, the Committees and the Heads of Departments with monthly statements, showing:—

(1) The amount actually spent under each heading of the Budget.
(2) The liabilities still outstanding.
(3) The total expenditure.

In order to render this practicable it will be necessary to slightly modify the present system of accounting, which does not recognize that liabilities have been discharged until the compradore order relating thereto has been actually presented and paid. The reason for this has been that in the case of dollar accounts the rate of exchange is not known until the compradore order is presented.

Cheques on the other hand, being exclusively in discharge of tael accounts, are immediately after signature entered in the Cash Book and posted to the various accounts to which they refer, and I now recommend that a similar practice be adopted in connexion with compradore orders. It will of course be necessary to convert compradore orders for dollar amounts into taels at an arbitrary rate of exchange: at the end of each month or other period the accounts affected will be adjusted by writing back any difference disclosed between the arbitrary and the actual rates of exchange. By this means I anticipate that monthly statements containing the foregoing information can be prepared at a considerably earlier date than has been possible in the past, and that the information periodically disclosed will be of far greater value in supervising expenditure, than have been the published quarterly statements of account.

In my opinion the reason why the Budget Appropriations have in the past been occasionally overspent, is in a great many cases directly attributable to lack of information, rather than to lack of care on the part of Heads of Departments.

It is very desirable that the Financial Statement should be so arranged that the actual cost of each branch of the public service can be readily ascertained. Thus, under the heading of Police should appear the cost of the "upkeep and general repairs" to stations, quarters, etc., and the rents payable for the use of such stations and quarters as are not the property of the Council. The former expenses have up till now been charged against "Public Works Department Buildings" and the latter to "General Charges." The reason for this I believe to be, that inasmuch as the greater number of the stations have been erected by the Council out of money raised by the issue of debentures, and no proportion of the interest and redemption charges in connexion therewith having so far been charged to the Police, the rents of leasehold property have similarly been charged to a general account in preference to their being definitely allocated to Police expenses. Uniformity in the accounts has thus been maintained at the expense of the accuracy of their classification.

The first step towards arriving at the actual yearly cost to the Ratepayers of each branch of the public service, will be the allocation to each department of a proportion of the annual charges for interest on and redemption of loans,

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At first sight this appears to be an easy matter, but unfortunately the question is complicated by the fact that a part of these charges are on account of unrealizable and unremunerative assets, which do not appear on the Balance Sheet, having been written off to General Balance in former years, it will, therefore, be necessary to analyse the accounts of previous years in order to ascertain the actual amount spent upon their acquisition. When this has been ascertained it will be possible to allocate the interest and redemption charges over the various departmental accounts, and to similarly deal with such items now appearing in general charges and elsewhere, which more correctly belong to other accounts. The investigation work necessary to enable this to be done will be of a somewhat involved character, and I do not anticipate that it will be possible to complete it by the end of the current year.

While upon the subject of unremunerative and unrealizable assets I venture to express the opinion that a mistake has been made in the past in excluding these assets from the balance sheet. It would, in my opinion, be very desirable if all these assets were written back to the balance sheet as by so doing this account would contain a complete record of all the property of the Municipality, instead of a record of such of the assets as may be considered to have a realizable value.

In order to have reliable statistical information for comparing expenditure under one branch of the service, with similar expenditure under other branches, I recommend that the accounts be kept in greater detail than has been the practice in the past. It is obvious that the more numerous become the transactions of the Municipality, the greater becomes the importance of detailed classification of every heading of expenditure. I consider that if the expenditure under the heading of Police were sub-divided under the various stations, a great deal of useful information for comparative purposes would be disclosed. Similarly with the expenditure of the Health Department, which should be sub-divided under the various hospitals, etc.

There are one or two matters arising out of the accounts of the industrial undertakings owned and controlled by the Council which it may be well to briefly refer to here.

It has been the practice in the past to transfer any profits made by the Pingchiao Quarry, Gaol Convict Labour, and Concreteware Manufacture, to the headings of "Public Works Department Roads," "Gaol," and "Public Works Department Drainage," respectively, and I have now to point out that this practice is incorrect and misleading, as it assumes that these profits are actually represented by cash, and can, therefore, be regarded as a set-off against the cost to the Ratepayers of the various departments affected, whereas it does not by any means follow that this is actually the case.

The profit shown last year by the published accounts of the Pingchiao Quarry was Tls. 11,955.44, and this amount was transferred in relief of the expenditure on "roads," in spite of the fact that nearly three times this paper profit had been spent on additions to plant and machinery, buildings, etc. It must be remembered that although an industrial concern is earning fair profits and is generally upon a satisfactory basis, it may yet be quite impossible to convert those profits into actual cash, by reason of the fact that they may have already been anticipated and spent on necessary extensions and improvements to the capital assets.

In order to avoid a repetition of this mistake in the future I recommend that the accounts of these three industrial undertakings be entirely separated from the general accounts recording the transactions of the Municipality, and that they be treated as separate commercial enterprises with separate and distinct books of accounts, and banking accounts, and that only such proportion of the yearly profits as may be actually represented by cash, or readily realizable liquid assets be transferred in reduction of departmental expenditure.

Although the foregoing remarks have dealt exclusively with the subject of expenditure, it must not be forgotten that it is equally important that the income of the Municipality should also receive close attention. The cost of collection of each separate heading of income should be ascertainable by careful allocation of the expenses of the Tax Office, and if this were done the information disclosed would be of considerable value in determining the actual net benefit to the Municipality of the various licenses, etc., imposed.

Conclusion.—The above report has been sub-divided under the headings of "Financial Control" and "Accounts" for the reason that the two matters are so closely connected as to be interdependent. Before the accounts can be prepared upon the basis of Income and Expenditure it will be necessary for the Treasurer to have full knowledge of all outstanding liabilities and accrued income. The former information will be disclosed by the Requisition Books, and the latter will be obtained from the books kept in the Tax Office. It is impossible to over-emphasize the importance of the Requisition Books in the proposed scheme of control and accounts.

I have very carefully framed all my suggestions with the view of (amongst other things) rendering unnecessary a great deal of the duplication of work which at present takes place in the Municipal Offices, but I anticipate that any saving it may be possible to effect by better organization will be more than counterbalanced by the additional accountancy work I am suggesting should be undertaken, and that therefore the accounting staff will require to be increased in the near future.

I have to record my appreciation of the facilities afforded me by Heads of Departments for carrying out such investigations as I have made, but I have to again call attention to the fact that the foregoing remarks do not by any means exhaust the subject under discussion. They are simply intended to draw attention to a few of the more important matters calling for revision, leaving matters of lesser moment to be taken up as and when opportunities offer. In my opinion it will take close upon two years before the work of reorganization can be completed in its entirety.

E. F. GOODALE,
Chartered Accountant.

Central Police Station,

Shanghai, October 10, 1909.

I beg to forward for the information of the Finance Committee the following remarks upon the report from the Acting Accountant. This report has been in my hands for only eight days. As I am proceeding on leave on October 4, I am unable to do more than comment very slightly upon such a number of points as are put forward.

To be able to fully digest all the questions touched upon as well as to be able to comment upon them would require far more knowledge than I have been given the opportunity of acquiring as to the general methods of finance and financial control maintained by the Council over the various departments. So far as concerns the branch of the Council's service over which I am in charge, I may say at once that I agree with the alterations put forward in this report by the Acting Accountant. On the face of them I consider the suggestions therein contained will make for greater simplicity in accounts and may perhaps save time.

The centralization of departmental financial control in the hands of an expert will, in my opinion, make for increased efficiency. As the head of a department through whose hands many thousands of taels pass in the course of a year, I shall welcome expert financial advice upon all occasions and particularly in the preparation of the Annual Budget.

C. D. BRUCE
Captain Superintendent.

Public Works Office,

Shanghai, October 11, 1909.

I have carefully considered the Acting Accountant's report of September 17, and now beg to submit the following criticisms for the information of the Council:—

I think it will be admitted that the fundamental principle underlying the working of a Municipality is that its work must be divided up into departments, each under its own Head, who must be directly responsible to the Committee under which he serves.

The Head of a Department is responsible not only for its general efficiency but also for its being conducted economically. It is therefore necessary that each department should,

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in the first place, control its own financial operations. I do not think the "Payments Book," which in the case of the Public Works department, is entered up and submitted to the Works Committee weekly was ever intended to be regarded as a "report of liabilities incurred," although the fact that it is entered up and submitted at such short periods should, of itself, prove that the Council's credit has not from week to week been pledged to any great extent, but, *even if it had*, the system of ordering in vogue for a great many years (and to which I will refer later) is so complete and efficient that if called upon at any time to prepare a list of outstandings we could supply it at two days' notice.

"This (Central) system of administration . . . has for its object the focussing in one Department . . . . of every transaction involving the receipt or expenditure of money, from its inception to its close."

I think that from this paragraph it might be inferred that each Department received and paid monies from its own exchequer. A reference to Clause LXVII of the Standing Orders will show that this is not the case. It reads, "All monies belonging to the "Municipality shall be vested in the "joint charge of the Secretary and of "the Accountant. All monies received "shall be paid, without delay, into the "Bank to the Council's credit. The "balance in the hands of the compra-"dore shall be kept as small as poss-"ible. All cheques on the Municipal "compradore will bear the signature of "the Secretary and the Accountant. "All cheques on the Council's Bankers "will be signed by two members of the "Finance Committee and the Secretary, "and initialled by the Accountant."

Surely this places every transaction involving the receipt or expenditure of money in the hands of one central office.

3.—I have always regarded the Accounts Staff as an internal audit staff, in fact the very careful scrutiny that is given to our payments book and the financial statements with which they supply us in connexion with the working of industrial undertakings, such as the concreteware yard, and the Pingchiao quarry, would go to show that an internal audit staff is and has been at work for some years.

I think it is undesirable even temporarily for any member of the staff to be responsible to anyone but the Head of the Department in which he works.

4.—This is perhaps the most radical recommendation which is put forward.

The Acting Accountant's report was received by me on September 24, and I thought it would be interesting to ascertain what a fortnight's requisition would cover. I accordingly took the Order Books as they stood and had the entries for the previous fortnight typed—30 sheets of foolscap (Appendix I). To go through these items even with an intimate and technical knowledge of the conditions pertaining to each individual case is no small matter, but what purpose would be served by their being criticised by an official who cannot be expected to have intimate knowledge of what is required? I am afraid that to introduce such a system would throw a great deal of unnecessary work on the Department. Such work cannot be undertaken without increased expenditure. I do not think that the existing system of control is inadequate. A certain amount of administrative discretion must of necessity be given to Heads of Departments, and if it is not properly exercised the remedy is manifestly in the Council's own hands.

7.—This is what is done at present, in fact the "approved form"—Schedule 2—is an exact copy of the form which has been in use in this Department for very many years.

The unofficial orders (vide Appendix III) at present in use were introduced by the writer and the late Sub-Accountant, in 1898. It will be understood that in the course of his day's work an Overseer or Clerk of Works will frequently require certain materials at very short notice, and if he is unable to get them work would have to be stopped. This refers particularly to sewer and bridge work, the effects of stopping which would be serious. In such cases he makes out an unofficial order (a carbon copy being retained), but next morning he is obliged to apply through his daily report book for an official order to be issued. The circumstances of the case are thereupon gone into by the Divisional Engineer and if found in order, an official order is made out, this again being scrutinised first by the Chief Clerk and finally by the Head of the Department before signature. I think the system works well, affords a good check on articles ordered, and I should be sorry to see it abandoned.

10.—On the question of change of form I have nothing to say, but there is an obvious omission to mention that our Payments Book, which apart from standing charges such as salaries, etc., deals with more than half of the Council's expenditure—*is* and always has been submitted once a week.

11.—The forwarding of duplicate copies of our reports would not inconvenience this Department, it is only a question of stationery. If this recommendation is adopted I would prefer to send duplicate copies of all reports to the Secretary, leaving it to him to decide which should be passed on to the Treasurer.

16.—The present practice is to enter up all accounts receivable in the "Private Works Book," which is initialled on each page by the Chief Clerk and the Head of Department. I have always understood that the system works well. Further initialling of the account itself would appear to be unnecessary.

17.—I do not think the latter half of this is practicable. Heads of Departments are not, as a rule, in a position to invite tenders from contractors for alterations to buildings, this is essentially a function of the Public Works Department, furthermore that department should not in such cases be regarded as an industrial undertaking competing against outside contractors. I would suggest that the Accountant's object would be equally well met by a method which I had already arranged with Col. Bruce to institute next year, viz., that we should notify him a fortnight beforehand that a representative of this department would visit a certain Police Station on a certain day, and in company with the Inspector in Charge make a thorough examination of the premises, making notes of what alterations or repairs are necessary, and that the Budget appropriation should be drawn up strictly with regard to estimates of the cost of such work. This system has been partially in vogue for some years, but since the re-organization of the Police Force in 1907, many alterations have had to be made in buildings to meet new conditions, and no provision for them has been made in the Budget.

I would suggest that this matter be left in abeyance for a time to give us an opportunity of testing the new method. If successful the Requisition Book would only need to be continued for very minor requisitions. I should like to say, however, that I cannot imagine any more suitable method of ensuring proper supervision of building repairs, etc., than the present requisition book (Appendix IV). It is at the same time

(1) A request from the Head of Department for repairs to be carried out.

2) An opportunity for the Municipal Engineer to criticise the necessity or otherwise of the requisition.

(3) An instruction to an assistant in the Department to put the work in hand.

(4) A general record of repair work.

Furthermore, coupled with statements of expenditure received from the Accounts Office, the Municipal Engineer is able to keep a check on expenditure under different headings. As a means of communication between departments I do not think it can be improved upon.

18.—I submit that this is unnecessary so long as a Head of Department uses his discretion in a reasonable manner.

19.—I would suggest that the order of criticism of the Budget should be as follows :—

1.—Head of Department concerned
2.—Committee
3.—Council
4.—Accountant

The estimates as prepared by the Head of Department are invariably cut down by the Committee and then again by the Council. It is obviously unnecessary for the Accountant to report on items which the Committee and the Council probably never thought of including in the Budget.

General Storekeeper and Stationery Office :—These matters have frequently been discussed, but not proceeded with on account of lack of suitable accommodation.

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In connexion with the issue of stores I may say that every ton of road material landed in Shanghai is carefully measured and entered in the "Material Measurement Book," and we also keep "Material Lists" which show where every cartload is used. Each depôt is not kept separate as a large quantity of material is landed on roads on the banks of creeks and used from there—consequently it never passes through a depôt. Stock of road materials is taken every year.

There is certainly room for improvement in the checking of materials going in and out of godowns and it has been intended to deal with this as soon as the new premises on Thorne Road are in working order, but even now we know exactly from the orders what is taken from any particular godown, as nothing goes out without an order signed by a foreigner, and stock is taken every quarter.

On the question of desirability of allocation of responsibility I can only repeat that it should lie with the Head of the Department and that he should use his discretion as to who he relied directly upon.

General.—It should not be overlooked that in a great many matters this department is to all intents and purposes in the position of a master-contractor, carrying out various works for the Council and other departments, and as such such should not be unnecessarily hampered in obtaining supplies necessary for carrying out works.

Prices for materials which are constantly required, such as timber, bricks, lime, cement, sand, etc., are fixed by annual contract, so that it is only on the question of *quantity* that this department has to certify.

I quite agree with the Acting Accountant that Monthly Statements of Accounts are of much more assistance than those issued quarterly, provided they are issued as soon as possible after the end of the month.

On the general question of the manner in which the Council's accounts should be kept I do not think I am competent to give an opinion, but I would ask that they be kept in as simple a manner as possible.

In conclusion I would like to say that I consider that in the course of his investigations into a subject beset with difficulties, Mr. Goodale has exercised a considerable amount of tact, though at the risk of being regarded as conservative, I would suggest that he has not given sufficient weight to the work of several officials of the Council who have devoted very many years to building up the working of their own departments.

C. H. GODFREY,
Acting Engineer & Surveyor

Health Office,
Shanghai, October 19, 1909.

I have to submit the following observations on such parts of Mr. Goodale's proposed amendment of financial administration and control as directly affect the Health Department, taking the numbered suggestions seriatim.

3.—Internal audit approved.

4, 5 & 6.—The suggestion concerning the proposed Requisition Book would be very difficult to carry out on account of the preponderating number of small orders urgently required for sanitary materials, drugs, etc.

I do not consider it advisable for efficient and economical working that requisitions for materials of less value than Tls. 100 should, as proposed, be submitted, before purchase, to the consideration of the proposed Finance Department and subsequently to both the Watch and Finance Committees. I am of opinion that such a course would occasion unnecessary delay, greatly increased clerical work and loss of that personal supervision of details by the head of the department immediately responsible for the expenditure, which is, I think, of far greater value than any supervision that a purely financial official can possibly give, in the absence of accurate knowledge of the purposes for which the materials purchased are required. Moreover the estimated value of orders entered in the proposed Requisition Book would not give an accurate return of the amount actually to be expended, inasmuch as the estimated value on the requisition or indent frequently materially differs from that in the account subsequently rendered. A procedure which would be good at home will not necessarily work well out here, where exchange, freights and prices cannot be estimated with accuracy a few months ahead. The Payments Book would, under these circumstances, appear likely to prove of greater value than a Requisition Book for purposes of accurately ascertaining the financial state.

The estimated amount to which the Council's credit is pledged for these few small outstanding accounts could be furnished within a few minutes at any time by the Health Office.

7.—Form of Order Book approved. All orders to be signed by the Health Officer, as at present.

9.—Approved.

10.—Form of Payment Book and submitted weekly approved.

ARTHUR STANLEY,
Health Officer.

The minute of the Finance Committee of November 18 in comment upon the foregoing reports is as follows:—

The Committee proceeds in the first place to the discussion of Mr. Goodale's 19 specific recommendations.

1.—The establishment of a Finance Department is approved, the head of which will be styled 'Treasurer,' and his duties will be set out for inclusion in the Standing Orders in a form similar to those applying to existing Heads of Departments.

2.—The incorporation of the Tax Office in the Finance Department, though unquestionably desirable as part of the complete scheme, will be deferred until other changes are inaugurated and fulfilled. The management of the Tax Office, in the Committee's opinion, at present calls for little if any improvement.

3.—The attachment of the departmental chief clerks will require some little arrangement, varying with the conditions obtaining in each of the offices concerned. The step is approved to enable the Treasurer to direct the form in which subsidiary departmental books of account are kept, and with a view to facilitating communication on matters of detail. The Committee, after giving the necessity for the change full consideration, looks to the officials concerned for co-operation in this matter.

4 & 5.—These two proposals, amalgamated for purposes of simplicity, are approved. The presentation of the Requisition Book to the Committees concerned, strikes at the root of the chief objection to the present accounts procedure, inasmuch as sanction of work or articles required will precede the incurring of the expenditure involved instead of, as at present, following it.

6.—The special arrangements for urgent work are approved, and the procedure with regard to the Requisition Book is amended, with a view to providing for the separate circumstances under which the various Committees meet, as follows:—

"The Requisition Book will be "forwarded direct to the Treasurer, "who will examine each item and if "necessary report on any matter calling "for comment. The Book will then be "signed by the Treasurer and forwarded "to the Secretary for submission to the "Committees concerned. The Secre-"tary will signify the Committee's "approval or otherwise."

7.—Approved.

8.—The Committee is averse to the formation of a file of the Minutes of Council in any office but the Secretariat, in view of their confidential character; on the other hand, the Treasurer will, as a rule, be given access to all minutes on application, and will be furnished with copies of any special minute having reference to matters of accounts.

9.—Already approved.

10.—The form of the Payments Books under these new conditions will be liable to modification as circumstances present themselves, and, without laying down any fixed rule, it is evident that the books should be forwarded more frequently than at present. The Police and Health Department books should unquestionably be forwarded weekly. It is evident that if the Treasurer has examined an item and found it in order, further reference to Committees is unnecessary.

11.—This recommendation as to reports to the Council is based on a proper desire that the Treasurer may comment if he considers necessary on any matters affecting accounts, and that his report in writing may be considered together with the report in question; on the other hand in practice the Committee considers that the case will be met if a copy of every report or statement, bearing directly or indirectly upon the public finances, be furnished to the Treasurer for comment, if necessary, immediately upon its receipt.

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12.—The Committee does not consider that any useful purpose will be served by the attendance of the Treasurer at the meetings of Council. He will, however, attend all meetings of the Finance Committee and meetings of all Committees and of the Council when the Budget is under discussion.

13 to 15.—The Committee is unanimously of opinion that Standing order LXVII, which provides that "all monies belonging to the Municipality shall be vested in the joint charge of the Secretary and of the Accountant," should nor be modified, except in respect to the title of the second responsible officer. This ruling implies that the endorsement and signature of cheques and compradore orders will in every case, be performed by the two officials named or by their responsible and duly authorized assistants. A Municipal Notification requesting that cheques be made payable to the order of the Shanghai Municipal Council will be issued. Cheques, which involve the signature of two members of the Finance Committee, should not as a rule be drawn for a less sum than Tls. 500.

16.—Approved. This ruling relieves the Secretariat of any but general responsibility for the accuracy of debit notes. The expression "officer responsible" is understood to include the Treasurer and such members of the Finance Department as may be duly authorized by the Finance Committee.

17.—The Committee is of opinion that while the procedure in respect to alterations and repairs to Municipal buildings is in need of improvement, the present proposal is unsatisfactory, in that it does not provide for the necessary supervision of such work by the Public Works Department.

18.—Approved.

19.—Already approved, and communicated to Heads of Departments.

Beyond these specific proposals, Mr. Goodale's suggestion to discontinue the publication of quarterly statements does not meet with ready acceptance. A member points out that the public desire for such information must be met, and the matter is deferred for consideration later.

The Committee is not averse to the allocation of the cost of repairs to buildings and rents payable to the section of the Budget relating to the department concerned, and it is admitted that if this policy is pursued to a logical conclusion, the hypothecation of interest on loans to departmental expenditure is involved. It is pointed out that the results obtained would improbably be commensurate with the labour expended on the complicated calculations involved. The Committee considers that practical effort in the direction of Municipal economy should precede these matters of advanced accountancy.

The complete separation of the accounts of the Industrial Undertakings from those of the Municipality is approved. This decision will preclude book profits from being shown in reduction of expenditure, while, if necessary, separate banking accounts will be opened hereafter for these undertakings.

Upon the conclusion of the discussion of this subject it is decided to appoint Mr. E. F. Goodale Municipal Treasurer with restrospective effect from November 1.

Trust Funds.

A report by the Accountant is submitted on the state of this account, from which it is noted that a sum of approximately Tls. 76,000 will require investment at the end of the year, and the Council authorizes acceptance of an offer of Tls. 75,000 Shanghai Land Investment Co., Ld. 6 per cent debentures of 1909, for December delivery at Tls. 103. The report proceeds to the discussion of the *Municipal Loan* for the current year, which it is decided to close at a total of Tls. 300,000.

Opium Houses.

The concluding step in respect to opium houses in the Settlement, that is to say the closing of the last remaining quarter of the houses, will take place as pre-arranged on December 31. It is therefore decided to issue a Notification, drawing attention to the fact as a warning to the concerned.

Public Works Department.

Municipal Engineer.—The resignation of Mr. C. Mayne of his appointment as Engineer and Surveyor is submitted, with effect from November 27. Mr. Mayne's recent special leave for six months was granted in the hope that his private affairs would admit of his resuming work in December; such, however, has not been found practicable, and no course remains to the Council but to accept his resignation.

This employe's appointment dates from May, 1889, and the Chairman makes reference to his twenty years satisfactory work as the head of an important branch of the Municipal Service. He has carried out his duties during this period with singleness of purpose and preserved a record for the Department of continuous integrity.

It is decided to offer Mr. Mayne the appointment of Consulting Engineer to the Council at a salary of £150 a year renewable annually. He will be required in periodical reports to advise the Council on all matters connected with municipal engineering, and to undertake the collection of particulars as to any subject upon which the Council may desire information.

Mr. Mayne is entitled to draw the sum accumulated in his name in the Superannuation Fund, but, since the Fund has only been in operation since 1903, it is decided to insert provision in the Budget for 1910 for a special honorarium of £2,000.

Upon the unanimous recommendation of the Works Committee, it is decided to appoint Mr. C. H. Godfrey, at present the Deputy Engineer, to the post of Municipal Engineer.

Pingchiao Quarry.

Indents Nos. 22/24 are submitted for certain spare parts required for the stone-breakers at a total cost of £145 and Gold $806. Since this plant is regarded as necessary, the Council authorizes the expenditure.

Road Extensions and Widenings.

Statement of Expenditure.—The monthly statement of commitments and negotiations open, is submitted, and from the summary by the Accountant attached thereto an excess over the Budget appropriation of Tls. 36,094 is noted. This total excess is more than accounted for by the Peking Road improvement works.

Peking Road.—Negotiations have been concluded with Messrs. Scott, Christie and Johnson for the surrender of the scheduled strip of Cadastral Lot 298, measuring Mow 0.082 for Tls. 3,910, this sum to include all reinstatement charges and loss of rentals.

Boone Road.—Payment of Tls. 78.50 is authorized to the native owner for Mow 0.157 of unregistered land north of Cadastral lot 288 required for the widening of this road. The documents relating thereto have been forwarded to the Senior Consul for transmission to the native Land Office.

Ward Road.—An application by the Taotai, forwarded by the Senior Consul, is read in further reference to the extension of this road to the Ying Hsiang Kong Village, and requesting that the work of construction remain in abeyance pending further consideration of the protest of the villagers. In face of this bonâ fide request the work will be deferred for the present, while it is recorded that for reasons already stated the scheduled line cannot be deviated.

Tatung Road.—An offer is submitted by Messrs. Platt, Teesdale and Macleod of the whole of Cadastral Lot 1212 for the sum of Tls. 4,800. The greater portion of the lot is scheduled for inclusion within the extension of this road, and, noting that the beneficial owner of Lot 1211 is prepared to pay the above sum for the Mow 0.192 of surplus land which will remain over, upon condition that a slight deviation of the road be permitted, and a concrete bunding be erected at a cost of Tls. 1,500, the Council authorizes acceptance.

Great Western Road.—In accordance with the arrangement concluded in 1907 with the native owners of Cadastral Lot 1708, and published on page 190 of the Annual Report for that year, the free surrender of Mow 1.225 of unregistered land east of the lot is noted. The documents relative thereto have been forwarded to the Senior Consul for transmission to the Native Land Office in accordance with customary procedure.

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Land Commission.

The Awards of the Commissioners in cases Nos. LXVIII, LXIX and LXX are submitted. These awards have been transmitted for the information of the concerned, and are ordered for publication as usual.

Case LXVIII.

Woosung Road Cadastral Lot 1151 Northern District.

Registered owner. Mrs. C. F. Johnston.

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The owner attends in person and the Council is represented by officials of the Secretariat and Public Works Department.

The area scheduled for acquisition is covered with foreign buildings enclosed by a wall, and surrender is required for the purpose of inclusion in the Isolation Hospital property.

Negotiations for purchase of buildings and land began in June 1908 and continued until May 1909 when it was agreed to refer the amount of compensation to be paid, to the decision of the Land Commission, the Council offering Tls. 12,500 and the owner being unwilling to sell for less than Tls. 20,000.

The correspondence as published in the Municipal Gazette is read.

The value of the land per mow is in the Commission's opinion fairly represented by the assessed value plus 10 per cent. On behalf of the Council it is pointed out that the building is ten years old and the upkeep as regards the roof has not been satisfactory. The owner admits that repairs have been limited to the painting and varnishing of woodwork but that she has been put to some expense in the building of stables and re-arrangement of outhouses; no architect's report on the present value of the building is, however, put in.

The Commissioners having inspected the property and gone very carefully into the matter award the sum of Tls. 14,000 as full compensation for land and buildings surrendered.

James Whittall,
Geo. W. Noël,
Leslie J. Cubitt,
} *Land Commissioners for 1909/10.*

Shanghai, November 22, 1909.

Case LXIX.

Wayside Park, Thorburn Road, Unregistered.

Adjoining Cadastral Lot 3700 Eastern District.

The Chinese owner, Chang Seu-yuen, who is provided by the Council with an interpreter, attends in person and the Council is represented by officials of the Secretariat and Public Works Department.

The negotiations for the acquisition of the area required for the Wayside Park are recorded in the Municipal Report for 1908 and that portion forming the subject of the present reference is mentioned in detail in the issue of the Municipal Gazette of June 24, 1909.

The area to be acquired, the price of which is referred to the Land Commission for settlement, measures Mow 1.998 and the owner places the value at Tls. 2,200 per mow which the Council considers excessive.

Purchases of the adjoining properties aggregating Mow 45.508 are shewn to have been made during the latter part of 1908 and early part of 1909 at prices averaging Tls. 977 per mow while the owner of the strip in question is unable to quote any bonâ fide sale at a higher figure.

The scheduled lot is a long narrow strip with a very small frontage on the Thorburn Road and the Commissioners are unable to agree with the owner that it possess any features justifying the valuation he puts upon it.

They therefore award compensation as follows :—

Mow 1.998 at Tls. 1,000 per mow.....Tls. 1,998

James Whittall,
Geo. W. Noël,
Leslie J. Cubitt,
} *Land Commissioners for 1909/10.*

Shanghai, November, 22, 1909.

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Case LXX.

Kuling Road Cadastral Lot 78 Western District.

Registered owner The Yokohama Specie Bank, Ld.

The registered owner is represented by Counsel in the person of Mr. H. S. Oppe, and Mr. Yih Ming-tsah; the beneficial owner is present. The Municipal Council is represented by officials of the Secretariat and Public Works Department.

Surrender in this case is called for in order that the continuation of the Kuling Road westward from West Thibet Road may be proceeded with at once, and in view of the benefit which will in the Council's opinion thereupon accrue to Lot 78 the Council in their letter of June 22, 1909 made an offer of the assessed value (Tls. 9,000 per mow) plus 10 per cent for 1/3rd (Mow 0.107) of the area and expressed the hope that the remaining 2/3rds of the total would be surrendered free. The proposal, however, was not acceptable to the owner who contends that no appreciable benefit to his property will result from the extension of the road and is unwilling therefore to contribute in any way towards defraying the cost.

With the acquisition of the strips scheduled from Lots 78 and 77 the Kuling Road, which at present is blocked in the middle, will become a thoroughfare, serving a populous and growing district and the Council announces its intention of proceeding with the metalling and completing the road immediately.

The strip now in question is used by the occupiers of the property as an approach and cannot be used for any other purpose without destroying the access, but the Kuling Road up to this point being already open the owner and occupiers while having free access can at the same time enjoy the privacy of this frontage which will, of course, cease when the road becomes a public thoroughfare.

It appears to the Commissioners, however, that although an individual tenant may find such privacy desirable, the earning value of houses fronting on a thoroughfare is greater, and that betterment undoubtedly accrues to the property as a whole by the construction of the road.

On the other hand the road was scheduled in 1901 and partly made up since then without any active steps being taken for the acquisition of Lot 78 and the betterment due to scheduling had already accrued to some extent before it was made the subject of this reference. It is also noted that the frontage on the Kuling Road is narrow in proportion to the whole area of the lot.

The Municipal Report for 1901 records a surrender of a considerable area in this and adjoining roads where betterment based on the immediate making up of one of the roads in question, was recognized by the acceptance of Tls. 2,500 against a full claim of Tls. 4,675.

The Council states that it is expected that the work on the Kuling Road will be completed in four months.

Taking all the facts into consideration the Commissioners award compensation for half the required area at the assessed value plus 10 per cent, the remainder to be surrendered free.

	Tls.
Mow 0.161 at Tls. 9,000 per mow.....	1,449.00
Plus 10 per cent for compulsory surrender.....	144.90
	Tls. 1,593.90

James Whittall,
Geo. W. Noel,
Leslie J. Cubitt,
} *Land Commissioners for 1909/10.*

Shanghai, November 22, 1909.

Public School for Chinese.

The minutes of the meeting of the School Committee of November 22, are read and confirmed. There were present :—

Rev. A. J. Walker *(Chairman)*
Messrs. J. C. Ferguson
H. A. J. Macray
Shen Tun-ho
The Headmaster
The Secretary and
Assistant Secretary.

Attendance.—A memorandum is submitted giving the number of boys admitted for the winter term at 412, while about 40 applications have necessarily been refused. The average weekly attendance is 95½ per cent, a result which the Committee regards as very satisfactory.

Evening Classes have been inaugurated in Book-keeping and Shorthand with an attendance of 12 in each class.

Summer Vacation.—The change in date for re-opening after the summer vacation, as decided at the end of last year, has proved unfortunate, the Headmaster reporting that the new arrangement prejudiced the attendance at the

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beginning of the term. It is therefore decided to revert to the date laid down in the Prospectus, viz., the first Monday in September.

Native Staff.—Recommendations contained in the report of the Special Committee appointed at the last meeting are submitted and generally adopted.

Scale of Fees.—Discussion ensues as to the advisability of raising the present tuition rate of $30 per annum, which has stood since 1906. Mr. Shen Tunho, while opposed to reverting to the former rate of $44, is of opinion that it would be well, in view of the present annual cost of the school, to charge a fee of $18 per term. Mr. Ferguson considers that any such course would be a grave mistake, having regard to the class from which the School is intended to be drawn. The Committee makes no recommendation on the subject.

Foreign Staff.—With regard to the question of the number of foreign masters necessary for the management of the School, as now fixed as one of rather more than 400 boys, the Headmaster proposes the engagement of a fifth assistant master. It is acknowledged that Mr. Kemp's teaching duties are at present unduly heavy, but with the arrival of Mr. Turner, the candidate selected by Messrs. C. S. Addis and A. J. H. Moule (vide Municipal Gazette, June 17), this condition of affairs will be rectified. After full consideration the Committee decides to make no addition to the staff of the English Side which will stand at 5 foreigners, including the Headmaster, and 3 Chinese with occasional assistance by the pupil-teacher.

An application by the Headmaster is submitted for his home leave, which has been deferred since last February. He recommends Mr. Gill's appointment as Acting Headmaster during his absence. This course is approved, and, under the circumstances, it is considered preferable that Mr. Kemp's leave be for six months only from May next.

Town Hall.

An amended offer by the Arts & Crafts, Ld. is submitted, to supply 220 wooden seats for the Town Hall at $5 each. The seats will be similar to those formerly supplied.

The meeting adjourns at 6.40 p.m.

Public Band.

Public Performances.—Until further notice, performances will be given in the Town Hall every Sunday at 4.30 p.m., and on Tuesdays and Fridays at 5.30 p.m.

On Sundays an orchestral concert will be given: on Tuesdays and Fridays dance music will be played. The public is reminded that children under ten years of age are not admitted to the Sunday concerts.

The attendance on Sunday, November 28, numbered 804 and the Hall was emptied in 4 minutes.

The programme for Sunday next, December 5, is as follows :—

1. Overture "Merry Wives of Windsor"..... Nicolai
2. Two Swedish Melodies (For strings only).....Svendsen
3. Orchestral Suite "Scènes Pittoresques"...Massenet

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4 Symphony No. 5, in E minor "From the New World" Dvorak

Conductor, Mr. R. Buck.

Notification of Infectious Disease.

The following have been reported during the week ending Sunday, Nov. 28, 1909.	Death among Chinese population of 550,000	Cases notified among Non-Chinese population of 15,000.
Small-pox.	1	0
Cholera.	0	0
Typhoid Fever	—	0
Diphtheria.	1	0
Scarlet Fever.	0	0
Tuberculosis	14	0
Plague	0	0
Total Deaths from all Causes	137	3

Arthur Stanley,
Health Officer.

Summary of General Municipal Rate, Native. September Quarter

	1909.		1908.		1907.	
	No. of Houses.	Rental Assessment.	No. of Houses.	Rental Assessment.	No. of Houses.	Rental Assessment.
		Tls		Tls.		Tls.
Central District.....	12,271	4,243,681	12,297	4,238,352	12,320	4,182,304
Northern do.	15,644	2,092,549	15,335	2,054,083	15,048	1,990,446
Eastern do.	12,961	941,023	12,415	937,341	12,016	907,315
Western do.	10,322	1,008,988	9,947	972,256	9,334	903,476
Outside Settlement Limits	3,995	364,230	3,608	312,479	2,706	211,981
Total	55,193	8,650,471	53,602	8,514,511	51,424	8,195,522
Occupied by Foreigners	1,253	304,544	1,085	291,189	1,071	399,910
do. Natives	49,841	7,498,185	48,603	7,522,021	47,827	7,295,075
Unoccupied	4,099	847,742	3,914	701,301	2,526	500,537
Total	55,193	8,650,471	53,602	8,514,511	51,424	8,195,522
Tax Collected—		Tls.		Tls.		Tls.
Central District		115.657		119,641		99,881
Northern do.		57,307		56,639		46,759
Eastern do.		25,148		24,812		20,742
Western do.		25,926		24,966		19,615
Outside Settlement Limits		4,742		3,919		2,373
Total		228,780		229,977		189,370

E. L. Allen, *Assistant Overseer of Taxes.*

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MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION.

No. 1993.

LECTURES ON HYGIENE, HOME NURSING AND FIRST AID.

COURSES of lectures in accordance with the syllabus of the St. John Ambulance Association will be given during the ensuing winter in HYGIENE, HOME NURSING AND FIRST AID.

The fees for each course of lectures will be $5, which will include bandages and other apparatus, together with a copy of the authorised text book of the subject lectured upon.

At the conclusion of each course an examination will be held for the certificates and medallions awarded by the St. John Ambulance Association.

As ladies attending the lectures in Home Nursing should have previously attended a course in First Aid, a special Course of lectures in First Aid will be given provided a sufficient number of names are sent in to the Health Officer.

By order,
W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

Council Room,
Shanghai, December 2, 1909.

MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION.

No. 1994.

COAL SUPPLY

THE Council is prepared to receive tenders for one year's supply of coal for use in the Municipal Offices, Police Stations, Hospitals, etc., from January 1, 1910.

The annual requirements consist of about 1100 tons of Japanese House Coals and about 300 tons of Anthracite, and tenderers should quote for retail delivery in small quantities as and where required.

Tenders will be received by the undersigned not later than 4 o'clock p.m. on Tuesday, December 21, 1909, and should be marked "Tender for Coal."

The Council does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender, or to pay any expenses which the contractor may incur in tendering. The contractor whose tender is eventually accepted, may be required to give satisfactory security for the due performance of the contract.

The name of tenderers, with the prices quoted, will be published for general information.

By order,
W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

Council Room,
Shanghai, December 9, 1909.

Jessfield Inn Assault Case.

[*From the minutes of the meeting of the Council of December 8.*]

The attention of the Council is drawn to certain extracts from the reports of the Judge's charge to the Jury in this case, which are critical of the Council's regulation and control of the Police Force :—

(a) I have spoken of the Committee (i.e. the Council) as being an executive committee, and I have said that obviously a purely executive body cannot be entrusted with the ultimate regulation of a Police Force, in whose hands the powers of protecting the community are placed ; and in this case I am sorry to say it has been rather particularly emphasised—I mean the impropriety of allowing entire control to remain finally in the hands of an executive body.

(b) The employers of these men, instead of assisting in the enquiry of Justice, have at all events sat by with folded hands in such a way that one of the prisoners who, on the evidence of the defence, ought to have been charged, perhaps, with the most serious part of the assault, has not been charged.

(c) Now that I have said these things to you, you understand that the police are going to be tried simply as British subjects, and I am going to ask you to dismiss all that from your minds and not to imagine for one moment that I want you to convict these policemen because I don't think the action of the Municipal Council can stand or that they have been altogether discreet in their conduct of this case.

(d) In his previous remarks his Lordship did not in any way intend to criticize the orders given or the conduct of the officers. As regards the books, the Court was not able to get, or at all events had not access to, such books as would have helped to a right determination.

or, as otherwise reported,

The Court was not criticising the orders given or the conduct of the officers; he referred to the control of the Police Force, which is outside. The question of the production of the books was a matter which showed the influence of that outside control.

(e) His Lordship said (in reply to Mr. Jones) that his view was that people who undertook responsibilities should exercise them impartially.

or, as otherwise reported,

His Lordship replied that his criticism was not directed at counsel but at the employers of the Police.

On consideration of these remarks the Council records that :—

The control of the Police Force is, as a matter of fact, vested in the executive committee of the Ratepayers, i.e. the Council,—and the liabilities of the men who comprise the Force have not been lost sight of nor misunderstood.

No outside control whatever has been exercised over the Officers of the Force, in respect to their purely executive function of carrying out the Spanish consular warrant of arrest.

Nor was outside control exercised over the Counsel for the Defence, in respect to the manner in which that defence should be conducted, either as to the reserving of certain evidence in the Police Court or in any other way.

Had the Court, or the Crown Advocate, made any application to the Council, either verbally or in writing, for assistance in investigating the case, or for the use of any books of record, such help would readily and unquestionably have been accorded, not alone in the interests of justice, but in the interests of the good name and reputation of the Force.

In view of the result of these proceedings, a special inquiry will now be held into the conduct of those responsible for the measures taken in the arrest of F. Gordon.

This case of arrest was separate and distinct from the steps taken for the removal of the public roulette wheels from the Jessfield Inn.

It is a matter of satisfaction to the Council that, after seven years of futile negotiation and numerous lawsuits, public gambling in houses of entertainment beyond the limits of Municipal licence has, by the will of the Ratepayers and by the co-operation of the proper authorities, ceased.

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AT the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, December 1, 1909, at 4.30 p.m., there are present:

Messrs. D. Landale (*Chairman*)
H. De Gray
W. D. Little
H. A. J. Macray
O. Meuser
W. A. C. Platt
J. Prentice
T. E. Trueman
The Secretary and
Assistant Secretary.

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

The minutes of the last meeting are read, confirmed, signed by the Chairman and passed for publication.

Volunteers.

Artillery.—Upon the recommendation of the Commandant, a commission as Captain is authorized for issue to Lieutenant L. E. Canning, vice Captain A. J. Stewart resigned.

Mounted Infantry.—The Commandant reports upon this Unit as follows:—

"The Mounted Infantry having now "fallen to a strength of one Sergeant "and nine men, with no apparent "prospect of an addition to its numbers, "I am reluctantly compelled to recommend that the Council will approve "the disbandment of this Unit, with a "view to its future reorganization "should circumstances be more favourable to its continuance."

"Though undoubtedly an arm of "great value, this Unit, as it stands at "present, is a failure. The attendance "at parades, etc., during last Training "was very indifferent. The men do "not appear at the Range on their "allotted days, and there is no doubt "something in the organisation of the "Unit as it stands at present that "militates very successfully against its "utility and efficiency."

"Should this recommendation meet "with the approval of the Council "I will not again recommend the raising of this Unit unless assured of the "support of at least twenty reliable and "desirable men."

The Council therefore with regret endorses his recommendation that the Mounted Infantry be disbanded.

Signalling Company.—The Commandant further reports that this Company has fallen to a strength of six men, and his recommendation is adopted that the Signallers should no longer be a detached body, but an integral portion of every Unit. In Colonel Barnes' opinion the organization of this Unit on a separate footing is a mistake. He proposes, therefore, to form a class of instruction in this branch of training, open to all Units.

Staff Quarters.—In accordance with a decision recorded in September 1908, the issue is authorized of rent allowance to the third Sergeant to enable him to reside in the neighbourhood of the Range. The Commandant will arrange for suitable quarters, and the allowance will be based on that allowed in the Police Force.

Ammunition.—A report by the Commandant refers to a practice introduced by Colonel Watson during 1908, whereby extra grants were allowed to certain Units of the Corps for Unit Rifle Meetings, as follows:—

"It seems that last year grants of 1,000 rounds were given to more than one Unit, but, as I can find no authority for this, I do not consider myself justified in following the precedent without permission from the Council.

It may be opportune to observe that the grant of ammunition free is:—150 rounds to each efficient active Volunteer, while, in addition, 150 rounds are allowed to be purchased at half-price for the same men. Of the 150 "free" rounds 75 must be expended in the Annual Course by Second and Third Class shots, while Marksmen and First Class shots are only required to fire 50, so that Units have at their disposal a considerable number of rounds, for which they are not required to pay, for match-shooting, practice, etc.

In addition to this all ammunition for the instruction of Recruits, and for Corps Competitions, such as the "Africa Cup," etc., is provided free, so that the present scale cannot be called ungenerous.

At the same time, it is undoubtedly desirable to encourage rifle shooting in the Corps as much as possible.

Should the Council approve of the issue of this extra grant, it is suggested that it be based on the number of men competing in each Unit, and not that a round sum be issued in each case, irrespective of strength. In these Meetings about 50 to 60 rounds per man are fired."

Upon the recommendation of the Watch Committee, it is decided to authorize a grant of 20 rounds per man competing, in each unit Rifle Meeting at a cost of about $600 per annum.

Mobilisation Manual.—The draft of a Manual prepared by the Commandant is submitted, consisting of instructions to be issued to the Corps in preparation for mobilisation. The draft is generally approved, and authorized to be printed.

Police.

Foreign Branch.—The resignation of Sergeant Lesley is accepted with effect from December 23.

The transfer of Constable Kay to the Detective Branch is authorized with effect from November 25.

Nine months' leave of absence is granted to Sergeants Alton and O'Regan with effect from December 25.

Sanitary Inspection of Stations.—As a result of a general inspection of all the Stations, the Health Officer has communicated to the Captain-Superintendent a number of recommendations making for improvement in the unsatisfactory condition of the Stations recently the subject of comment. Therein are included the following proposals of sufficient magnitude to involve special provision in the Budget, and their execution is authorized:—

(1) A wing extension is required at the Harbin Road Sub-Station, providing a kitchen and pantry.

(2) A new kitchen and larder are required at the West Hongkew Station, the present kitchen to be converted into a serving room.

(3) A small larder is required at the Hongkew Station, with a lean-to room in the space between the kitchen and the serving room.

These two latter points will have the attention of the Municipal Engineer.

Traffic.—An application by 17 foreign firms is submitted requesting that the private ricshas of shroffs be permitted to stand outside the premises of the association of Piece Goods Dealers in the Shanse Road in the course of their business. A previous petition from neighbouring shopkeepers objected to the presence of ricshas at this point, on the ground that they impeded custom. Satisfaction of the conflicting requirements of the concerned, and of the traffic in the road, rests at the discretion of the Police on duty, who will allow every possible facility to private ricshas during business hours.

Convict Labour, Show Room.—With reference to the decision published with the minutes of October 8, 1908 to lease a shop in the Nanking Road for this purpose, it is recalled that the project was deferred owing to difficulty in obtaining suitable premises except at an unduly high cost. It is noted that arrangements with Messrs. Tai Chong & Co. can now be made at a cost of Tls. 5 per mensem with 5 per cent commission on goods sold, and their conclusion forthwith is accordingly approved.

Health Department.

Foreign Latrines.—As to the need for these conveniences on the Bund and in the Public Recreation Ground, the Health Officer reports that better lighting is needed in the latrine in the Public Garden, and he suggests the erection of special additional arrangements to the south of the Swimming Bath. These proposals are approved.

Health Officer's Leave.—An application by the Health Officer for home leave in April next is submitted and approved. Dr. Stanley proposes to devote his attention to study for a period of 2 months, for the purpose of keeping the Department's work in touch with modern methods, and to this end, his leave will be for 8 months.

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Consular Body.

A letter from Mr. Amos P. Wilder, American Consul-General, informs the Council that he has taken over charge of the Consulate-General from Mr. W. Roderick Dorsey, with effect from December 4.

Road Extensions and Widenings.

Peking and Fokien Roads.—The following letters record an arrangement concluded with Messrs. Ward, Probst & Co. in respect to the portions of Cadastral Lots 296 and 453, scheduled for the improvement as stated therein :—

Shanghai, November 24, 1909.

DEAR SIR,—In reply to your enquiry as to the terms upon which we would be prepared to surrender strips of Cad. Lots No. 296 and 453 for widening the Peking and Fokien Roads, we beg to hand you two plans, viz,:—

(1). Plan of buildings at present on these lots with the rental of each shop shown thereon.

(2). Plan of buildings proposed to be erected after the roads have been widened.

On the latter you will notice two plans for the erection of buildings on Cad. Lot 296, the reason for this being that if the widening of the Fokien Road is carried out in accordance with your plan only, the corner shop will be practically useless as such, so we propose the widening of that road should be extended to include one other shop as shown by the alternative design—marked "B."

The cost of reconstruction will be—

Cad. Lot No. 296	Tls. 612
,, ,, 453	,, 928
	Tls. 1,540

and the time it would take to reconstruct both lots would be three moons, so that the loss of rental during reconstruction would be $354, and the permanent loss in rental we estimate to be $8 per moon on Cad. Lot No. 296 and $10 per moon on Cad. Lot No. 453 or a total of $18 per moon @ $12\frac{1}{3}$ moons=$222 @ Ex. 74= per annum. Tls. 164.28 capitalized at 8 per cent gross=Tls. 2,053.50.

Our terms for the surrender therefore are permanent loss in rental capitalized	Tls. 2,053.50
Cost of reconstructing houses	1,540.00
	Tls. 3,593.50

and in addition the loss of rental during reconstruction, viz., $354.

We are, Dear Sir,
Yours faithfully,
WARD, PROBST & Co.

C. H. GODFREY, Esq.,
Acting Municipal Engineer.

Council Room,
Shanghai, December 4, 1909.

GENTLEMEN,—In reply to your letter of November 24, addressed to the Municipal Engineer, I am directed to state that the Council accepts your claim for the two strips of land at the corner of the Fokien and Peking (north side) Roads as follows :

Cad. Lot	Assd. value	Area involved Mow
296	Tls. 22,000 per mow	0.064
453	,,	0.057
	Compensation.....	Tls. 2,053 50
	Reinstatement. ...	1,540.00
	Loss of rent $354 say	265.50
		Tls. 3,859.00

I am to convey to you the Council's thanks for the arrangement thus concluded, and to express the hope that the work may proceed as soon as possible.

I am, Gentlemen,
Your obedient servant,
W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

Messrs. WARD, PROBST & Co.

Tongshan Road.—The construction of the Chaonfoong Road Bridge over the Singkeipang, as announced in the Municipal Engineer's Report for October, has provided a means of access to Cadastral Lot 1215. This being the only outstanding point at issue in negotiations with the owner, Mr. T. W. Kingsmill, the free surrender is noted of Mow 0.723 of land scheduled from the lot for inclusion in the extension of the Tongshan Road.

New Roads.

Hungjao-Brenan Road connexion.—A letter from the Senior Consul is submitted, forwarding the Taotai's request that the stones erected along the line of this projected road be removed. This correspondence, in continuation of that contained in the Municipal Gazette of April 1, is ordered for publication with reply as directed :—

Shanghai, November 19, 1909.

SIR,—I have the honour to forward herewith copy and translation of a letter received to-day from the Taotai as to a certain work of survey which he says has been undertaken by the Council far away beyond the Western Boundary. This work seems rather to be done by somebody else in view of a proposed connexion between the Nanking and Hangchow railways, but anyhow I would be pleased to receive, if possible, some information from you before replying to the Taotai.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,
D. SIFFERT,
Consul-General of Belgium, and Senior Consul.

D. LANDALE, Esq.,
Chairman, Municipal Council.

Translation of letter from Taotai Tsai Nai-huang to the Senior Consul, dated November 19, 1909.

The Taotai has to state that a report has been received from the Shanghai City Magistrate, Tien, as follows :—

"From a survey made to the north "and south of the Brenan Road it is "found that there is an unconstructed "road beginning at the south, from the "26th Pao, 25th Tu of the Shanghai "District at the Mai Chia Nung Station "of the Shanghai-Kashing Railway, "northwards to the 28th Pao, 4th Tu "at the boundary creek of the Paoshan "District, over 20 li in length ; and "northwards from the boundary creek "of the Paoshan District to the Chen "Ju Station of the Shanghai-Nanking "Railway, in length 5 or 6 li ; thus "amounting in all to about 27 or 28 li "in length. On the site of this road, "over 300 red pegs have been placed. "Upon inquiry of the tipao of the 28th "Pao, 3rd Tu, he states that this is a "road to be constructed by the British "Municipal Council and that the "country-people at this place have "not sold the land therefor. The "Magistrate finds that the place in "question is outside the Settlement and "is agricultural land belonging to the "people. The action of foreigners in "erecting pegs and encroaching beyond "the boundary to construct a road "affects the right of domain, and is in "disregard of treaty rules. It is there-"fore requested that a communication "be addressed to the Senior Consul "asking that directions be given and a "time limit fixed for the prompt "removal of the pegs, and that if the "time limit is exceeded and no attention "is paid, they will be removed by the "Magistrate, with a view to maintaining "the Settlement boundary with clear-"ness."

The Taotai upon receipt of this report observes that the 26th Pao, 25th Tu of the Shanghai District is far beyond the Settlement, and is contiguous to the boundary of the Paoshan District, which is not a port of trade. Authority in all road matters at this point must be held by the local officials, and cannot be encroached upon by the British Municipal Council. It is a question upon what ground pegs can be set up on its own initiative with a view to constructing a road, and this action is

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assuredly contrary to treaty rules. The Taotai has therefore to request the Senior Consul rigidly to fix a time limit within the current month within which the Municipal Council must promptly remove the pegs so set down, and if they are not removed within the time limit, they will then forthwith be taken up by the City Magistrate instead, thus preserving distinctness in respect to the Settlement boundary.

This communication is accordingly addressed to the Senior Consul requesting him kindly to take note and give directions for compliance. A reply, and action accordingly, are awaited.

Council Room,

Shanghai, December 4, 1909.

SIR,—I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of November 19, forwarding a communication from the Taotai, which relates not as you suppose to any railway extension, but to the projected road the subject of correspondence between the Council and yourself earlier in the year. Vide your letters of December 29, 1908, and March 16, 1909, with the Council's replies thereto.

No progress has as yet been made with the road in question, the purchase of which from the natives concerned is still incomplete, and, while the Council is not desirous at present of pressing the matter, I have the honour to state that the boundary stones may suitably be left in position to indicate the line of the future road.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

DAVID LANDALE,

Chairman.

D. SIFFERT, Esq.,
Consul-General for Belgium,
and Senior Consul.

Tax Office.

Death of the Overseer of Taxes.—The Council has learnt with deep regret of the death of Mr A. Johnsford, Overseer of Taxes, on November 25, and the Chairman makes reference to the loss which the Municipal Service has suffered in the death of this old and valued public servant, whose duties have been discharged for 32 years in a most exemplary manner.

The question of the management and control of the Tax Office will have the attention of the Finance Committee at an early date, and, in the meanwhile, Mr. E.L. Alleb, the Assistant Overseer, is authorized to act as the Council's attorney and agent in the collection of rates, etc.

Educational Grants.

With reference to the minutes of the meeting of the Committee of the Public School for Chinese of November 22, published in the Gazette of December 2, the Council observes the satisfactory record of attendance as an indication that the institution is fully performing its function.

The question of extension upon the lines indicated on page 226 of the Annual Report for 1907 is considered in connexion with the renewal of Mr. Ellis Kadoorie's offer. The project comes before the Council with the full endorsement of the Committee of the Public School for Chinese, which has recorded the view that the need for such an institution is now beyond doubt, and that the resulting expenditure on Chinese education would not be out of proportion to the needs of the large native community resident in the Settlement.

It is accordingly unanimously decided to make provision in the Budget for purchase of a site in Sinza about 12 mow in extent, and to submit the scheme for the Ratepayers' approval:—

Shanghai, November 30, 1909.

SIR,—It will be in the recollection of the Council that in 1907 I made an offer to contribute Tls. 25,000 towards the building of a second Municipal School for Chinese on certain terms. My offer was carefully considered but it was not accepted; as the Council were of opinion that the scheme was somewhat premature. On being informed of this I consented to hold my offer at the Council's disposal until a more suitable time. I may state that one of the reasons which influenced the Council at the time was the fact that the present Public School for Chinese was not full and that therefore there did not appear to be an immediate necessity for another school. This, however, is not the case now, for I understand that the Chinese Public School is quite full and many applicants have in consequence been refused admission.

Under these circumstances I would like to inform the Council that I am prepared to renew my previous offer on the following terms.

The terms subject to which I respectfully make my offer are as follows:—

The Municipal Council to procure the land for the school, the area to be 12 mow, and the land to be in the locality of Sinza.

The school to be known as the Ellis Kadoorie Public School for Chinese.

The school to be managed by the present Committee of the Public School for Chinese and on similar lines —Copies of every Annual Report of the school to be sent to the Ellis Kadoorie Chinese School Society in Hongkong.

And I on my part will contribute a sum of Tls. 25,000 and will endeavour to do my best to collect further funds for the purpose of adding to the building if the school requirements call for such addition.

If this offer with the terms mentioned is entertained favourably, I trust the Council will see fit to submit the same to the Ratepayers at the next Ratepayers' Meeting for adoption.

I am Sir,

Yours faithfully,

ELLIS KADOORIE.

D. LANDALE, Esq.,
Chairman, Municipal Council.

Council Room,

Shanghai, December 2, 1909.

SIR,—I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of November 30, containing a re-affirmation of your offer with respect to the foundation of a second Public School for Chinese. These proposals are in accordance with the desires of the Committee of the present School, and the Council has received that Committee's strong recommendation that they be accepted. I am directed therefore to state that the scheme will be submitted for sanction by the Ratepayers at the next Annual Meeting, and to convey to you a most cordial expression of the Council's appreciation of your generous promised benefaction.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

W. E. LEVESON,

Secretary.

ELLIS KADOORIE, Esq.

The meeting adjourns at 6.15 p.m.

Notification of Infectious Disease.

The following have been reported during the week ending Sunday, Dec. 5, 1909.	Death among Chinese population of 650,000	Cases notified among Non-Chinese population of 15,000.
Small-pox.	0	0
Cholera.	0	0
Typhoid Fever	—	2
Diphtheria.	2	1
Scarlet Fever.	0	1
Tuberculosis	8	0
Plague	0	0
Total Deaths from all Causes	127	3

ARTHUR STANLEY,

Health Officer.

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Public Band.

Public Performances.—No performance of dance music will be given in the Town Hall on Tuesday, December 14, as the Hall has been reserved on that day for the forthcoming Cambridge Local Examinations.

The programme for Sunday next, December 12, is as follows :—

Mendelssohn-Wagner Concert

1. Selection "Songs without Words"
2. (*a*) Overture "A Midsummer Night's Dream"
   (*b*) Incidental Music to "A Midsummer Night's Dream"
   1. Nocturne
   2. Scherzo
   3. Wedding March

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3. Overture..."Tannhäuser".....
4. (*a*) "Tranme".....
   (*b*) Ein Albumblatt .....
5. Selection....."Lohengrin".....

Conductor-in-charge, Mr. R. Buck.

Private Services.—The charge for the services of the Band is Tls. 40, and of a Half-Band, consisting of not less than 3 European and 12 Manila musicians, Tls. 25 per hour or part of an hour.

The services of a smaller number of musicians may be engaged at the rate of Tls. 3 per hour for European, and Tls. 1.50 per hour for Manila musicians.

One rehearsal is permitted without fee, all subsequent rehearsals are charged for at half of the above rates.

For the services of a soloist an additional fee of Tls. 25 is charged, inclusive of such rehearsals as are necessary.

If special music is required special arrangements must be made.

Engagements for more than three performances during a season are subject to a reduction of 20 per cent, for more than twelve performances 40 per cent.

For Sunday performances or services involving marching through the streets double rates are charged.

24 hours' notice is required for the cancellation of any engagement.

The cost of conveyance of musicians for distances beyond a radius of 1 mile from the Municipal offices, Kiangse Road, must be defrayed by the persons engaging them.

The European musicians are allowed to give private music lessons, with the Conductor's permission obtained in each case.

Municipal Laboratory.

Analyses and tests will be made for the public as follows : –

1.—The right is reserved of refusing samples which may not be of sufficient public importance to warrant analysis.

2.—Where purity of food is in question, which may influence Public Health, analysis may, at the discretion of the Health Officer, be undertaken at a nominal fee.

3.—The locality from which samples come must be clearly described.

4.—Crushed samples will not be received for analysis.

5.—All samples analysed will remain the property of the Council.

6.—The Council will not recognize any claims arising from results or analysis.

SCALE OF FEES.

	Tls.
Water (chemical and bacterial) :	50
Milk.	5
Butter.	30
Liquors.	40
Minerals, alloys, metals, etc.:	
Qualitative test for one constituent	10
Qualitative analysis complete	25
Quantitative analysis : each constituent	35
Coal:	
General analysis	35
Calorific value	15
Petrol, benzine, kerosene, lubricating and other oils:	
General analysis	50
Flash point only	5
Building materials: cement, mortar, lime, etc.:	
Chemical and physical tests as to quality	50
Toxicological examinations:	
Qualitative	50
Quantitative	100

Fees for other examinations and any further information can be obtained on application to the Health Office.

Quantities which should be submitted for analysis :—

Milk and Liquors,	1 pint
Butter	1 pound
Water	1 gallon

When bacterial examination is required water should be sent packed in ice except in very cold weather.

Engineer's Report for October.

A much needed improvement has been effected by the construction of the Chaoufoong Road Bridge over the Singkeipang. The road will be constructed through from Seward Road to Tongshan Road early next year, as funds will not allow of its being done this year.

Public Lighting.—During the month metallic filament lamps have been erected as follows:—

Baikal Road.....	3	lamps
Mukden Road 10		,,
East Yalu Road	3	,,
Sawgin Road	2	,,
Wuchow Road.....	6	,,
East Kashing Road.....	2	,,

Gas lamps have been erected in the following places:—

Alleyways in Northern District	3	lamps
,, ,, Eastern District	14	,,
Yuenfong Road	1	,,
East Yuhang Road	1	,,

Works in Progress.—Battery Room, Godown, etc., at Electricity Works, Fearon Road. Sinza New Fire Station, Avenue Road. Alterations and Additions to 2nd Assistant Health Officer's Quarters at Isolation Hospital. New Workshops, Ward Road Gaol. Extensions to Accounts Offices, Municipal Compound. External painting and repairs to P.W.D. and Secretariat Buildings. Great Western Road laying 4-ft. 6-in. diameter concrete culvert. Concrete bunding along the Soochow Creek east of Fokien Road. Constructing reinforced concrete culvert across the Yang Zeen Pang west of Gordan Road. Widening Peking Road west of Fokien Road. Repairing Markham Road Bridge. Repairing and painting Steam Dredger. Laying 3-ft. diameter sewer in Jehol Road (a continuation of the Kaifeng Road sewer). Reinforced concrete wall around concreteware depôt. Raising Dalny Road, north of Baikal Road. Dixwell Road Extension north of East Kashing Road Forming Alcock Road between Tongshan Road and Kwenming Road. Removal of bridge at Point and making up of road.

Works Finally Completed.—New Inquest Room at Isolation Hospital, Range Road. Repairing and painting P. & O. Pontoon and Jetty. Replacing Foochow pole railing by Standard Iron Railing in Medhurst Road. Road Widening at south-west corner of Nanking Road and Chekiang Road. Replacing macadam by chippaving in Chekiang Road north of Peking Road. Replacing chippaved margins in Sinza Road by macadam. Laying 1-ft. 6-in. by 1-ft. diameter sewer in Alabaster Road. Reinforced concrete bridge in Chaoufoong Road across the Singkeipang. Mudfilling on south side of Yangtszepoo Road. Repairs to Yangtsze Road bunding, and Dixwell Road bunding.

Plans Completed.—Extensions to Accounts Offices, Municipal Compound. Proposed Latrine, Rangoon Road. Plan of concrete bunding in North Soochow Road opposite Kansuh Road.

Cleansing.—57 Cartloads of garbage, 1,163 cartloads of road detritus and 1,126 cartloads of gully deposit were collected during the month.

Quarry.—3,907 tons of road materials have been received during the month from the Quarry. 1,380 tons were dispatched from the Quarry for account of the French Council for the month of September. The October returns have not yet come to hand.

Concreteware.—The following concreteware has been made at the Range Road Depôt during the month :—

Hand made.....	1,242 pieces.
Machine mane.....	— ,,
Total	1,242 ,,

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New Buildings.

Summary of work done during the month.

Description of Work.	*Total.*
Buildings under construction	145
Plans submitted for approval	33
Plans approved	31
Inspections by Inspectors	1,006
Permits for Carpenters Sheds, etc.	3
,, Boundary Walls	3
,, Repairs to Buildings	116
,, New Shop Fronts	28
,, Painting	182
,, Alterations	33
,, Erecting Fences	25
,, Erecting Signboards	343
,, Erecting Drying Stages	3
,, Sunshades	42
Dangerous Building Notices served	11
Summonses	—
Encroachments reported and rectified	—

Dangerous Structures.

Notices as to dangerous structures received from the public	—
Notices from other Departments...	1§
Dangerous structures reported by P.W.D.	11
First Intimation Notices issued	11
Second do. do.	—

§Not necessary to serve notice.

Survey Work.

Official measurements of new land lots attended	28
Cadastral certificates issued.....	23
Consular lots surveyed	10
Surveys made in connexion with road widenings and/or extensions	27
Lots examined to ascertain whether they included roads or waterways which are or may in the future be of use to the public	16

M.C.R. Stones have been erected as follows:—

Western District	0
Central ,,	2
Northern ,,	0
Eastern ,,	3
Outside limits	0
Total 5 Stones.	

Labour.—The average number of coolies employed during the month, exclusive of contract work has been 1,862, as compared with 2,036 during October, 1908.

CHAS. H. GODFREY,
Acting Engineer & Surveyor.

Electrical Engineer's Report for September.

Generation.—The generating plant has been maintained in efficient condition.

Distribution.—High-tension Feeders were extended in the following roads:

No. 7 Feeder—Nanking, Kiangse, Hoopeh and Soochow Roads. 5,280 yards of ·124 vulcanised cable = 3 miles.

Low-tension Distributors were extended in the following roads:—

North Fokien Road.....	210	yds. of	·022	vul. cable
Thibet and Soochow Rds.	214	,,	·034	,, ,,
	107	,,	·034	,, ,,
	531 yards = ·29 miles			

Public Lighting.—38 additional 60 candle-power metallic filament lamps were connected during the month in the following roads:—

Kiangse Road	8	lamps
Szechuen ,, ...	9	,,
Foochow ,, ...	3	,,
Hankow ,, ...	1	,,
Museum ,, ...	1	,,
Soochow ,, ...	1	,,
Lay ,, ...	4	,,
Wetmore ,, ...	1	,,
Ewo ,, ...	1	,,
Macgregor ,, ...	3	,,
Chusan ,, ...	2	,,
Tongshan ,, ...	4	,,
Total.....38 lamps.		

Public lighting mains, for metallic filament lamps (F. circuit), were erected in Yangtszepoo, Ewo, Macgregor, Lay and Baikal Roads. Length 4.1 miles.

Sub-Stations.—Seymour Road One kiosk fitted up complete with Berry's series gear and one 100 kilowatt transformer, one 10 kilowatt auxiliary transformer. Old wooden transformer house taken away.

Wayside sub-station. One 8 kilowatt General Electric Co. series transformer installed to supply the new public lighting circuit F.

Kiukiang Road sub-station. One additional 30 kilowatt B.E.T. transformer joined up making the capacity of this sub-station 90 kilowatts.

Poles.—99 new poles planted and 21 poles renewed.

House Service.—57 house service connexions were made during the month.

Lamp Additions.—1,531 equivalent 30 watt lamps were connected during the month.

Motors.—There is an increase of 20.5 horse-power in motors connected. The aggregate horse-power is 673.62 and the number of motors 98 as compared with 522.95 horse-power and 82 motors at the same time last year.

Oil.—The oil consumption was 171 gallons as compared with 145 gallons in September last year.

The quantity of new oil for ordinary running purposes was but 75 gallons. 96 gallons was used for replenishing the oil tanks of No. 5 Ferranti engine which had been overhauled.

Water.—The quantity of town water used was 516,000 gallons. In June it was 745,000 gallons; July 1,280,000 gallons; August 603,000 gallons It is satisfactory to note that the water consumption in October is only 478,000 gallons although 52,049 more units were generated than in September.

Coal.—The coal per unit generated is slightly lower than in August being 5.37-lb. as against 5.20-lb. Per unit sold it was 5.75 as against 5.78-lb.

COMPARATIVE TABLE.

	September 1908	September 1909
Total lamps connected	167116	186487
Motors H.P.	522.95	673.62
Units Generated	460460	536673
Units sold	417340	482867
Private Lighting	178195	220666
Public Lighting	37389	53779
Power	12328	33365
Traction	167894	149107
Used at Works	21536	25950
Ratio	90.63	89.97
Coal per unit generated	5.37	5.17
Coal per unit sold.....	5.92	5.75
Revenue .....Tls	38,195	Tls. 41,366
Expenditure ..... ,,	31,172	,, 35,278
Profit ..... ,,	7,018	,, 6,088
Total profit to date ... ,,	58,215	,, 47,059

General.—The applications for lighting are increasing at a satisfactory rate; whilst the prospects of large increases for power supply are very encouraging. It is expected that a contract for supplying a mill with 150 horse-power will be settled within the next few months. The superior quality of the manufactured products turned out of electrically-driven mills, especially in the cereal milling, weaving and spinning trades where steady constant speeds are so essential, is beginning to be appreciated by Chinese manufacturers. The economy, compactness and cleanliness of the electric motor and minimum cost of labour is in marked contrast with gas and steam-engines the maintenance costs of which are much higher, the space occupied greater and dirt and heat in most circumstances a serious inconvenience. Under the ordinary commercial running conditions the gas and steam-engine is incapable of such close speed regulation with varying loadsas is its electric rival. With the low power rates now offered by the Council electric motors are by far the most economical and satisfactory prime movers.

Financial.—The profit for the month is Tls. 6,088 or Tls. 442 more than in August. In September 1908 the profit was Tls. 7,018 or Tls. 930 more, but in that year the revenue from the Tramways was Tls. 7,715 whereas this September it was only Tls. 6,644. The profit to date is Tls. 47,059 from which must be deducted Tls. 6,313 for change over and sundry expenses.

T. H. U. ALDRIDGE,
Electrical Engineer.

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No. 1994.

COAL SUPPLY

THE Council is prepared to receive tenders for one year's supply of coal for use in the Municipal Offices, police Stations, Hospitals, etc., from January 1, 1910.

The annual requirements consist of about 1,100 tons of Japanese House Coals and about 300 tons of Anthracite, and tenderers should quote for retail delivery in small quantities as and where required.

Tenders will be received by the undersigned not later than 4 o'clock p.m. on Tuesday, December 21, 1909, and should be marked "Tender for Coal."

The Council does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender, or to pay any expenses which the contractor may incur in tendering. The contractor whose tender is eventually accepted may be required to give satisfactory security for the due performance of the contract.

The name of tenderers, with the prices quoted, will be published for general information.

By order,

W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

Council Room,
Shanghai, December 9, 1909.

MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION.

No. 1995.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Transfer Books of the Municipal Loans will be closed from December 20 to 31, both days inclusive.

By order,

W E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

Council Room,
Shanghai, December 16, 1909.

MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION.

No. 1996.

[*Translation.*]

FIREWOOD AND CONVICTS' FOOD.

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Tenders in English or Chinese will be received by the undersigned not later than 4 o'clock p.m. on December 24, 1909, and should be marked "Tender for Firewood" or "Tender for Convicts' Food."

The Council does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender, or to pay any expenses which the contractor may incur in tendering. The contractor whose tender is eventually accepted may be required to give satisfactory security for the due performance of the contract.

By order,

W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

Council Room,
Shanghai, December 16, 1909.

AT the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, December 8, 1909, at 4.30 p.m., there are present:

Messrs. D. Landale (*Chairman*)
H. De Gray
F. C. Heffer
W. D. Little
H. A. J. Macray
O. Meuser
W. A. C. Platt
J. Prentice
T. E. Trueman
The Secretary and
Assistant Secretary.

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

The minutes of the last meeting are read, confirmed, signed by the Chairman and passed for publication.

Fire Brigade.

Stores.—A note from the Chief Engineer points out that, owing to a misunderstanding, the annual indent for 4,000 feet of hose has not gone forward, and, in accordance with his suggestion, it is decided to telegraph to San Francisco for the necessary supply. While it is desirable that tenders should be invited for an order of this size as a rule, the Council would deprecate running any risk that the supply of hose be insufficient.

Police.

Officers.—The promotion of Cadet E. C. Creasy to be 2nd Assistant Superintendent is authorized with effect from October 2, upon completion of two years service inclusive of his probationary period of instruction in India.

Chinese Branch.—As a result of recent cases of extortion the following warning to native residents is, at the recommendation of the Captain-Superintendent, authorized for issue in the form of a notice in Chinese, to be posted at all stations and elsewhere:—

"Certain cases having occurred in which vagabonds have pretended to be plain-clothes Chinese Constables and have attempted to extort money from

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shopkeepers and others, it should be understood by everybody that all plain-clothes Chinese Constables are provided with engraved metal badges when on duty, which must be produced as a guarantee of their identity when required.

It is also possible that there are a few badly disposed Chinese Constables in the Force who will attempt to make use of their position to extort money from the people. Such conduct is quite intolerable, but it is impossible for the Police Authorities to stop it unless the shopkeepers themselves assist. All cases of this sort must therefore be reported immediately to the nearest Police Station or direct to the Assistant Superintendent for Chinese at the Central Police Station in Foochow Road. Complaints will always be carefully listened to, and if the offence is proved, the constable will be punished with the utmost rigour."

Ordure Removal.

A report by the Health Officer forwards 46 tenders for this work, together with his recommendation that the tender of Chu Chi-woo, the present contractor, be accepted, for a payment of $7,500 per mensem. The report is to the effect that this contractor has performed his work satisfactorily during the last six years, and the tender being the highest it is authorized for acceptance.

Municipal Properties.

Yangtszepoo Market.—An offer by Mr. Tam Wa is submitted, to sell to the Council the scheduled area (Mow 0.833) south of Cadastral Lot 2758, at the rate of Tls. 4,000 per mow. The Council is informed that, in the opinion of the Health Officer, the district in question is better served by one or possibly two small markets, than by one of greater area, and the offer is therefore authorized for acceptance.

Road Extensions and Widenings.

West Soochow Road.—In July last permission was granted to Messrs. Tata, Sons & Co., the owners of Cadastral Lot 4985, to make a small northerly deviation of a native footpath running through this lot on condition that the new line be made to follow the scheduled line of the above road. Negotiations have subsequently been concluded with this firm for the surrender of the Mow 2.184 required from the lot for the construction of the road for the sum of Tls. 1,400, payment being made only upon the actual area of land available for use, the area within 20 feet of the bund line being not available for building purposes.

A contribution of Tls. 3,632 is also authorized, representing one-half the cost of bunding along that section of the road between the Ferry Road and the northern boundary of the property.

Stone Bridge Road.—The payment of a sum of Tls. 50 is authorized to the native owner for Mow 0.1 of unregistered land east of Cadastral Lot 709, required for the widening of this road. In accordance with customary procedure the relative documents have been forwarded to the Senior Consul for subsequent transmission to the native Land Office.

Woodpaving.

A report by the Engineer recommends that the wood-paving throughout the Settlement be sanded once or twice a week as a charge on road maintenance. While this proposal is adopted, it is pointed out that the slipperiness of the woodpaving is due to some extent to the present practice of sprinkling with water, and directions are given that the surface be adequately washed from time to time.

Drainage.

Gordon Road.—At the request of Mr. R. S. F. McBain, and upon the understanding that one-half of the estimated cost, i.e., a sum of Tls. 2,713, will be refunded, it is decided to substitute a culvert for the length of open ditch in Gordon Road along the west side of Cadastral Lot 2940 between the Bubbling Well and Avenue Roads.

Yates Road.—Similar arrangements have been concluded with Mr. A. E. Algar in respect to Lots 1810 and 1831 by which the section of the creek in front of these lots will be culverted in return for a contribution of Tls. 300.

Electricity Department.

Plant.—A letter from Messrs. Preece & Cardew forwards 35 tenders for the two 500 K.W. Mixed Pressure Turbo Alternators, with Condensing Machinery, etc., to which reference is made in the Gazette of June 24. These tenders with the reports thereon of Messrs. Preece & Cardew and the Electrical Engineer have received close scrutiny at the hands of the Electricity Committee, and, the suggestion of the Electrical Engineer is adopted that the tender of Messrs. James Howden & Co. with Siemens Bros. alternator be accepted at a cost of £8,838, provided that Messrs. Preece & Cardew are satisfied that these high speed alternators can be made to the standard of efficiency required.

It is noted that the tender provisionally accepted is £735 in excess of that of the British Thomson, Houston Co. but it is considered that the lower steam consumption of the Howden Turbine and its greater mechanical strength justifies acceptance of the higher tender.

The remaining tenders are as follows:—

Name	*Alternator*	*Price.* £
Willans & Robinson	Peebles	7,459
do.	General Electric Co.	7,482
do.	Vickers	7,603
Belliss and Morcom	Peebles	7,761
Maschinenfabrik Oerlikon		7,860
Willans & Robinson	Lancashire Dynamo Co.	7,816
Maschinenfabrik Oerlikon		7,942
James Howden & Co.	Peebles	8,055
Richardsons, Westgarth & Co.	Peebles	8,088
Willans & Robinson	Siemens	8,111
Belliss & Morcom	General Elect. Co.	8,122
Willans & Robinson	Electric Construction Co.	8,129
Willans & Robinson	Siemens	8,231
Richardsons, Westgarth & Co.	Vickers	8,311
Richardsons, Westgarth & Co.	General Elect. Co.	8,360
Belliss & Morcom	Electric Construction Co.	8,471
James Howden & Co.	General Elect. Co.	8,471
Belliss & Morcom	Siemens	8,533
James Howden & Co.	Electric Construction Co.	8,700
Richardsons, Westgarth & Co.	Brown Boveri	8,775
Richardsons, Westgarth & Co.	Siemens	8,789
Richardsons, Westgarth & Co.	Electric Construction Co.	8,815
Belliss & Morcom	Dick Kerr	8,839
Richardsons, Westgarth & Co.	Siemens	8,909
Parsons & Co.	Peebles	8,934
Willans & Robinson	Dick Kerr	8,943
Parsons & Co.		9,118
Belliss & Morcom	Siemens	9,167
Parsons & Co.		9,218
Brown Boveri		9,521
James Howden & Co.	Dick Kerr	9,559

and two incomplete tenders.

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Tenders.

For supply and delivery of 600 sheets No. 22 B.W.G. Corrugated Galvanised Iron Roofing 7-ft. x 10/3-in. at the new Sinza Fire Station in Avenue Road, the tender of Messrs. Andersen, Meyer & Co. is accepted, Tls. 910, for delivery on or before December 12.

Other tenderers are :—

A. R. Burkill & Sons .....Tls. 922
Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ld. ,, 947

Municipal Publications, etc.

The order in which departmental matters are handled in the Municipal Gazette, Annual Report, Budget, Staff List and other documents, at present differs in each case, and the Council approves the adoption of the following order universally :—

Volunteer Corps
Fire Brigade
Police Force
Health Office
Public Works Department
Parks and Open Spaces
Electricity Department
Public Band
Educational Grants
Finance Department
Secretariat

Semaphore Service.

The following statement of accounts of the service is forwarded by the French Council in accordance with the arrangement made in 1902:—

(*Translation.*)

Statement of Account 1909.

	Tls.	Tls.
Subscriptions to the Observatory Tls 25 per mensem	300.00	
1 Chinese clerk Tls. 7.50 per mensem.....	90.00	390.00
Telephone Service.		
Semaphore, Observatory and meridian hall; subscriptions and maintenance		264.00
Staff.		
1 European employe Tls. 165 per mensem... .....1,980.00		
1 European assistant, 8 months at Tls. 40 per mensem	320.00	
1 European assistant, 4 months at Tls. 60 per mensem	240.00	
1 Watchman Tls. 12 per mensem	144.00	
1 Ricsha coolie Tls. 6 50 per mensem	78.00	
1 Bulletin carrier Tls. 6 per mensem	72.00	
Difference in exchange on the pay of European staff	95 97	
		2,929.97
Miscellaneous Expenses.		
Bunting and halliards for flagstaffs	240.85	
Printing and Office accessories	159.45	
Repairs to Clock	5.00	
Installation of water-pipes for the ball	128.27	
Purchase of office furniture	138.51	
Heating	14.88	
Sundry incidental expenses.	179.57	
		866.53
Consumption of Electricity.		
Throughout the year ...		44.14
Maintenance of Electrical appliances.		
Throughout the year ...		79.88
	Tls.	4,564.52

Of which one-half to be reimbursed by the Municipal Council... Tls. 2,282.26

G. Laferrière,
Secretary,
French Municipal Council.

The meeting adjourns at 5.50 p.m.

Notification of Infectious Disease.

The following have been reported during the week ending Sunday, Dec. 12, 1909.	Death among Chinese population of 550,000	Cases notified among Non-Chinese population of 15,000.
Small-pox.	0	0
Cholera.	0	0
Typhoid Fever	—	0
Diphtheria.	0	3
Scarlet Fever.	0	0
Tuberculosis	10	0
Plague	0	0
Total Deaths from all Causes	130	2

Arthur Stanley,
Health Officer.

Public Band.

Public Performances.—

The programme for Sunday next, December 19, is as follows :—

1.—Overture—"Mignon"...Thomas
2.—Fantasia on Spanish Folk songs ,.....Gevaert
3.—Selection—"La Bohème..Puccini
4.—Overture—"The Land of the Mountain and the Flood"... .....MacCunn
5.—(*a*) "Musette".....Sibelius
(*b*) Minuet, from "Manon" Massenet
(*c*) Czardas..... Grossman
6.—Selection—"The Bartered Bride" .....Smetana

Conductor, Mr. R. Buck.

Private Services.—The charge for the services of the Band is Tls. 40, and of a Half-Band, consisting of not less than 3 European and 12 Manila musicians, Tls. 25 per hour or part of an hour.

The services of a smaller number of musicians may be engaged at the rate of Tls. 3 per hour for European, and Tls. 1.50 per hour for Manila musicians.

One rehearsal is permitted without fee, all subsequent rehearsals are charged for at half of the above rates.

For the services of a soloist an additional fee of Tls. 25 is charged, inclusive of such rehearsals as are necessary.

If special music is required special arrangements must be made.

Engagements for more than three performances during a season are subject to a reduction of 20 per cent, for more than twelve performances 40 per cent.

For Sunday performances or services involving marching through the streets double rates are charged.

24 hours' notice is required for the cancellation of any engagement.

The cost of conveyance of musicians for distances beyond a radius of 1 mile. from the Municipal offices, Kiangse Road, must be defrayed by the persons engaging them.

The European musicians are allowed to give private music lessons, with the Conductor's permission obtained in each case.

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Engineer's Report for November.

The culverting of the Chang Pang so far as it was intended to be carried out this year has now been completed. It is proposed to complete the scheme by laying a sewer 3-ft. in diameter along Manila Road from the end of the completed work to Great Western Road. In the meantime the water in the creek has been turned into the culvert through a temporary connexion, and the old line of creek is being filled in and the road made good.

The relaying of the concrete pavement in The Bund, and Hankow, Nanking and Szechuen Roads has been necessitated by the settlement of the adjacent heavy buildings which has interfered with the footpath.

The mud roads in the Eastern District are being finished off with a layer of ashes. This, when rolled, makes quite a passable road for light traffic, and is a decided improvement on the ordinary mud road.

The 3-ft. diameter sewer in Jehol and Kaifeng Roads, which is a continuation of the 3-ft. diameter sewer in Haining Road is now completed. It is still necessary to relay the existing 3-ft. by 3-ft. sewer in West Thibet Road (which is in rather bad condition), to provide an outlet into the Soochow Creek for the new sewer, but this work will not be commenced until next year. The total cost will be about Tls. 23,000.

Public Lighting.—One gas lamp at the corner of Pakhoi and Chekiang Roads is to be replaced by an arc lamp.

The following G.E.C. enclosed arc lamps in Nanking Road have been replaced by "Excells" flame arc lamps:—

West of Honan Road ...	2	lamps
Outside Town Hall	2	,,
Shanse Road corner.....	1	,,
West of Shanse Road ..	1	,,

New metallic filament lamps have been erected as follows:—

Dent Road	2	lamps
Dent Lane	2	,,
Chaoufoong Road	2	,,
Yuenfong Road	2	,,
Tongshan Road	2	,,
Singkeipang Road	3	,,
Total.....	13	lamps

One arc lamp has been removed in Singkeipang Road.

Works in Progress.—Battery Room Godown, etc, at Electricity Works, Fearon Road. Sinza New Fire Station, Avenue Road. Alterations and additions to 2nd Assistant Health Officer's Quarters at Isolation Hospital. New Workshops, Ward Road Gaol. Extensions to Account Offices, Municipal Compound. External Repairs and Painting to P.W.D. and Secretariat Buildings. New Latrine, Rangoon Road. Concrete bunding along the Soochow Creek east of Fokien Road. Reinforced concrete Jetty east of Fokien Road. Concrete culvert across the Yan Zeeng Pang west of Gordon Road. Widening Peking Road, west of Fokien Road. Wooden bunding along Siccawei Road opposite Municipal Nursery. Widening Bubbling Well Road east of Medhurst Road. Chip-paving Hoopeh Road from Nanking Road to Canton Road. Levelling Great Western Road from Defence Creek to Manila Road. Relaying concrete pavement along Hankow and Szechuen Roads adjoining Messrs. Reiss & Co.'s premises. Reinforced concrete wall around Concreteware Depôt. Concrete bunding North Soochow Road opposite Kansuh Road. Dixwell Road extension north of East Kashing Road.

Works Finally Completed.—Laying 4-ft 6-in. diameter concrete culvert Great Western Road. Repairing Markham Road Bridge. Repairing and painting Steam Dredger. Widening Peking Road at corner of Honan Road. Relaying concrete pavement in Nanking Road adjoining Palace Hotel and in Bund adjacent to the Russo-Chinese Bank. Laying 3-ft. diameter sewer in Jehol Road, a continuation of the Kaifeng Road sewer. Raising Dalny Road between Baikal Road and Ward Road. Forming Alcock Road between Kwenming and Tongshan Roads. Removal of Bridge at the Point and making up road.

Plans Completed.—Plan of Fokien Road Landing Jetty. Perspective views of Bund Foreshore, proposed reclamation schemes. Proposed new bridge over Defence Creek, Chefoo Road. Plan for Street nameplate and standard

Cleansing.—One hundred and seventy-eight cartloads of garbage, 3,049 cartloads of road detritus, and 2,357 cartloads of gully deposit were collected during the month.

Quarry.—3,860 tons of road materials have been received during the month from the Quarry. 1,417 tons were dispatched from the Quarry for account of the French Council during October, the November returns have not yet come to hand.

Concreteware.—The following concreteware has been made at the Range Road Depôt during the month:—

Hand made.....	496 pieces
Machine made.....	990 ,,
Total	1,486

New Buildings.

Summary of work done during the month:—

Description of work	*Total*
Buildings under construction	155
Plans submitted for approval	31
Plans approved	28
Inspections by Inspectors	1,094
Permits for Carpenters' Sheds, etc.	6
,, ,, Boundary Walls	1
,, ,, Repairs to Buildings	80
,, ,, New Shop Fronts	18
,, ,, Painting	122
,, ,, Alterations	23
,, ,, Erecting Fences	9
,, ,, Erecting Signboards	402
,, ,, Erecting Drying Stages	2
,, ,, Sunshades	34
Dangerous Building Notices served	5
Summonses	—
Encroachments reported and rectified	—

Dangerous Structures.

* Notices as to dangerous structures received from the public	3
* Notice from other Departments	1
Dangerous structures reported by P.W.D.	5
First Intimation Notices issued	5
Second ,, ,,	—

* Not necessary to issue notices.

Survey Work.

Official measurements of new land lots attended	53
Cadastral certificates issued	29
Consular lots surveyed	9
Surveys made in connexion with road widenings and/or extensions	17
Lots examined to ascertain whether they included roads or waterways which are or may in the future be of use to the public	33

M.C.R. Stones have been erected as follows:—

Central	,,	3
Northern	,,	2
Eastern	,,	3
Total		8 Stones

Labour.—The average number of labourers employed during the month, exclusive of contract work, has been 1,983 as compared with 2,071 during November, 1908.

CHAS. H. GODFREY,
Engineer & Surveyor.

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MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION.

No. 1985.

LOAN of 1901.

NOTICE is hereby given that the following debentures of the above loan will be paid on presentation, properly endorsed by the registered owner, at the Municipal Offices on and after December 31, 1909, and interest will cease from that date.

Debentures of Tls. 1,000.

8085-90	8157	8219-20
8093-7	8159-60	8222-30
8101-2	8163	8232-3
8104-6	8166	8237
8109	8168	8241
8112-7	8172-3	8243-5
8119	8175-8	8247-51
8121-3	8180-2	8254-5
8125	8186-9	8259
8127	8191	8261-2
8129-35	8193-5	8264-6
8139-41	8197-204	8271
8148-51	8206-8	8275-7
8153	8212-5	
8155	8217	

Debentures of Tls. 100.

8257	8298	8322-9
8279	8303	8332-3
8285	8305	8335
8287-8	8308	8338-41
8290-1	8312	8344
8293	8314-6	8348-50
8295-6	8318-20	

By order,

W. E. LEVESON,

Secretary.

Council Room,

Shanghai, September 22, 1909.

MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION.

No. 1995.

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By order,

W E. LEVESON,

Secretary.

Council Room,

Shanghai, December 16, 1909.

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By order,

W. E. LEVESON,

Secretary.

Council Room,

Shanghai, December 16, 1909.

MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION.

No. 1997.

THE Municipal Offices will be closed to public business on Saturday, December 25, and Monday, December 27, 1909, and on Saturday, January 1, 1910.

By order,

W. E. LEVESON,

Secretary.

Council Room,

Shanghai, December 16, 1909.

AT the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, December 15, 1909, at 4.30 p.m., there are present:

Messrs. D. Landale (*Chairman*)
H. De Gray
F. C. Heffer
W. D. Little
H. A. J. Macray
O. Meuser
W. A. C. Platt
J. Prentice
T. E. Trueman
The Secretary and
Assistant Secretary.

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

The minutes of the last meeting are read, confirmed, signed by the Chairman and passed for publication.

Settlement Extension.

The following correspondence with the American Association of China is ordered for publication:—

Council Room,

Shanghai, November 22, 1909.

SIR,—I have the honour to address you on the subject of the extension of the Foreign Settlement of Shanghai, and to express the hope that your Association will bring its valuable influence to bear in furthering the project at present under negotiation. I may also say by way of introduction that the Settlement being in origin a concession to Great Britain and America, the influence of those powers still preponderates in questions affecting its status vis-à-vis the Chinese Government.

The position in which the matter stands is doubtless within the knowledge of yourself and your colleagues, the Committee of the Association. In bringing its importance to your notice, therefore, I need do no more than refer to the Resolution passed at the last Annual Meeting of Ratepayers, to the dispatch addressed to the Viceroy by the Consular Body on August 21 (published in the Municipal Gazette on October 28), and to the recent decision of that Body to delegate three of its number to press the matter personally upon the notice of the Nanking Viceroy. Thus it may be said that every effort is being made locally to arrange for the required extension.

In Peking also negotiations are in progress, and it is there that the assistance of your Association is desired. The China Association has already forwarded a dispatch to the British Legation and Foreign Office strongly urging extension, and I have the honour to express the hope that in a similar manner your Association may

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consider it well to address a communication to the American Legation and State Department. By this means it will become evident that the demand for extension is a unanimous movement on the part of the responsible section of the community, dictated by the imperative requirements of a growing port.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,
DAVID LANDALE,
Chairman.

W. H. JEFFERYS, Esq., M.D.,
Acting President,
The American Association of China.

Shanghai, December 3, 1909.

DEAR SIR,—I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of November 22, dealing with the subject of the extension of the Foreign Settlement of Shanghai, and expressing the hope of the Council that the American Association would bring its influence to bear in furthering the project at present under negotiation.

In reply thereto I would say that at a meeting of the Committee of the Association held yesterday afternoon the matter of your letter was brought up and thoroughly discussed. It appears that the present negotiations for the extension of the Foreign Settlement of Shanghai have the sympathy and the unanimous endorsement of the Committee, but pending the general meeting of the Association, to be held on the 16th instant, it was decided in view of the importance of the subject, to defer definite action with the purpose of presenting a resolution of endorsement for the consideration of the Association.

I have the honour to be, Sir,
Faithfully yours,
W. H. JEFFERYS,
Acting President of the American Association of China.

D. LANDALE, Esq.,
Chairman, Municipal Council.

Shanghai, December 17, 1909.

SIR,—In further response to your letter of November 22 on the subject of the extension of the Foreign Settlement of Shanghai, I enclose herewith a copy of the Resolutions brought forward at the annual meeting of the American Association of China by the Executive Committee of the Association, and take pleasure in informing you that the Resolutions were passed by a very large majority.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Faithfully yours,
WM. H. JEFFERYS,
President of the American Association of China.

D. LANDALE, Esq.,
Chairman, Municipal Council.

Resolution I.

That the American Association of China in annual meeting heartily endorses the project at present under negotiation by the Municipal Council for the extension of the Foreign Settlement of Shanghai, being fully persuaded that it is essential to the welfare and just protection of the Settlement and the maintenance of order therein, and that it is in the best interests of the foreign residents of the community and particularly in the interests of the Chinese element thereof.

Resolution II.

That the Secretary be instructed to forward a copy of these Resolutions to the State Department in Washington and to the United States Legation in Peking, with such further matter as may make clear the intention thereof.

Volunteers

"*A*" *Company.*—Upon the recommendation of the Commandant, the commission of Lieutenant R.I. Fearon is authorized for renewal, with effect from date of expiry, August 22, 1909.

"*B*" *Company.*—Upon the recommendation of the Commandant, the commission of Captain H.R H. Thomas is authorized for renewal, with effect from date of expiry, November 13, 1909.

Police.

Foreign Branch.—The resignation of Constable John Rogers is accepted with effect from December 23, the date of expiry of his agreement.

The service of Constable H. Richardson will terminate on December 24.

Nine months' leave of absence is granted to Sergeant John Campbell with effect from January 20, 1910.

Public Gambling.

The Council is informed that there is a possibility of the Alhambra re-opening, and it is therefore decided to approach the consular authorities of the prospective proprietors, desiring that special conditions of licence be imposed, similar to those already laid down for French and Spanish subjects. The letters are ordered for publication as replies are received:—

Council Room,
Shanghai, December 17, 1909.

SIR,—I have the honour to inform you that information has reached the Council that the Alhambra Hotel, situated in the Siccawei Road and thus beyond the limits of Municipal licence, will shortly be re-opened, and there is not wanting the suspicion that an attempt will be made to re-establish public roulette wheels therein.

To prevent so undesirable a sequel to the efforts which have been made during this year to suppress public gambling in all its forms throughout Shanghai, the Council is desirous of being provided with the necessary authority for intervention, and to this end I have the honour to address you on the subject with reference to Italian subjects.

Herewith I enclose for your information copies of the Municipal Gazette for June 4 and August 5, 1909, wherein is contained correspondence with Mr. L. Ratard, at that time Consul-General for France, and with Mr. C. de Sostoa, Consul for Spain. From these letters you will see that this matter has been placed on an effective and permanent basis so far as French citizens and Spanish subjects are concerned, and I venture now on the Council's behalf to express the hope that you will take steps for the imposition of similar conditions with respect to Italian subjects.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,
DAVID LANDALE,
Chairman.

A. MONACO, Esq.,
Consul-General for Italy.

Shanghai, December 17, 1909.

SIR,—In answer of your letter of to-day, referring to the re-opening of the Alhambra Hotel, I hasten to inform you that I approve the basis on which this matter has been placed by my French and Spanish colleagues, and I give you full and unrestricted authority of intervention for suppressing any public gambling, in case that Italian subjects shall become interested in the concern.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,
A. MONACO,
Consul-General for Italy.

D. LANDALE, Esq.,
Chairman, Municipal Council.

Lekin.

As a result of the Council's recent notification on this subject, six of the principal native wine shops have recorded a protest against the establishment of a new lekin station in the Soochow Creek beyond limits. Attention having been drawn to the fact that the cordon of lekin stations surrounding the boundary, to which reference is made in the Annual Report for 1907, threatens to become a grave burden upon the native trade of the Settlement, the following communication has been addressed to the Consular Body, which, with reply, is ordered for publication.

Further reports by the Captain-Superintendent of Police submitted recount the subsequent operations of this Lekin Station, which documents it is decided to transmit to the Senior Consul, with the request that efforts to secure the removal of the Station be unrelaxed :—

Council Room,
Shanghai, December 10, 1909.

SIR,—In continuation of my letter of August 13 I have the honour to enclose a copy and translation of a petition addressed to the Council by six

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native wine dealers, in complaint against the establishment, since November 13, of a new lekin station in the Soochow Creek beyond Settlement limits.

When lekin farmers operate within the Settlement vigilance on the part of the Police, with the co-operation of native merchants, is an effective check. But no Police action can prevent lekin collectorates from hemming in the Settlement upon all sides, and intercepting upon its very boundaries the supplies which enter from the interior. Recurrently since 1902, and notably during the last two years, facts have been disclosed showing that it is an organized policy on the part of the Central Collectorate to surround the Settlement with a cordon of sub-stations for the farming of the so-called Landing Tax, which may be described as a consumption tax embracing commodities such as cotton yarn, native paper and other varieties of produce, and even extends, as the Consular Body will doubtless remember, to the meat imported for foreign food. If the system is permitted to develop unchecked, there is little doubt that it will seriously weigh upon and cripple native trade, greatly increasing the cost of living both to foreigners and natives, and materially prejudicing the prosperity of the port.

The bad character of the persons in charge, which has more than once been emphasized by petitioners, is one reason for fear that this irregular and variable taxation will be pressed beyond all moderation. It is a significant fact that the Collector, Hsieh, described in the enclosed petition, is a near relative of the ex-acting Magistrate of the same name, now Head Gaoler at the Mixed Court, who before his removal from the first of these posts, gave grounds for concern on account of his attitude and conduct at the Court.

The action of the Police in this matter has of necessity been confined to obtaining through personal representations, the release, without payment, of one valuable cargo of wine detained. A further attempt at detention was reported towards the end of last month, and there is no doubt that the installation of this sub-station as a permanency can be prevented only by the most vigorous protest.

I have therefore the honour to propose a communication to the Native Authorities on the subject, requiring removal of the lekin-boat in question forthwith, and pointing out the urgency of diminishing the number of such stations close to the Settlement boundary; thus adhering for the future to the spirit of the agreement which exempts the Settlement from lekin.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

DAVID LANDALE,

Chairman.

D. SIFFERT, Esq.,
Consul-General for Belgium,
and Senior Consul.

Translation of petition from six Wine Dealers, dated November 18, 1909.

Six petitioners hereby present that residing in the English Settlement they wish to petition against an infraction of rule and an encroachment upon the privileges of the Settlement by extortion of taxes, inflicting prejudice upon trade; and beg that directions be given for inquiry, expulsion of the concerned and prevention for the future, for the protection of public peace and commerce.

The petitioners venture to state that the British and American Settlements have in the past been devoid of the collection of a landing tax or taxes under other similar names, and the Council has posted proclamations, which are on record, in prohibition of sundry collections of lekin of all classes. This recognition of the difficulties of trade is appreciated in no small degree, and all native merchants are very sensible and grateful therefor.

There is now a local vagabond named Hsieh Wei-tang, with others who has ever been a disorderly character, and has now contracted with the Nantao Office to guarantee a Landing Tax on wine of Kaoliang, encroaching upon the Settlement and extorting lekin as a business: and boldly placing in the neighbourhood of the Tsao Ka Ferry a boat, with an ensign hung, for the exaction of Landing Tax and duty upon Kaoliang wine. The petitioners transport their wine to Shanghai by the west from Tsingpu and have thus already paid up lekin in accordance with rule at the Chou-tai-pu Temple Barrier from which the lekin office in question is but 3 li distant. The petitioners have suffered all kinds of detention and obstruction, and outwardly the pretext of Landing Tax is used for what in reality is an irregularity Through this person the petitioners suffer secret injuries. He, moreover, disregards the Council's rules openly. The Tsao Ka Ferry on the Soochow Creek is an important point on the way to the Settlement, and if this station is not removed at the outset it will hereafter become a blight of which the development cannot be foreseen.

There remains therefore no course to the petitioners but to request the Council to cause an investigation to be held into this matter, and the removal of the station in the interests of regularity and peaceful trade, and in order to correspond with fixed rule For this the petitioners will be deeply appreciative.

(Seals of the six principal Wine Dealers).

Shanghai, December 15, 1909.

SIR,—I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of December 10, with enclosure, relating to the establishment of a new lekin station in the Soochow Creek.

I have been instructed by the Consular Body to forward copy of same to the Taotai for such steps as are necessary to put an end to this business.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

D. SIFFERT,

Consul-General for Belgium,
and Senior Consul.

D. LANDALE, Esq.,
Chairman, Municipal Council.

Consular Body.

A letter from Mr. Akira Ariyoshi, Consul-General for Japan, informs the Council that he has taken over charge of the Consulate-General from Mr. Y. Matsuoka, with effect from December 16.

Refuge for Chinese Slave Girls.

The following correspondence relates to the Council's undertaking to make provision in the Budget for 1910, for a Special Grant of Tls. 2,500 towards the Building Fund of the new Refuge, to be erected off the Brenan Road:—

Shanghai, October 26, 1909.

Sir,—I have been instructed by my Committee to ask you whether the Municipal Council will help us by a contribution to our new building? During last summer the Health Inspector told us that he considered the present building too small for the number of children we have to provide for (70 at present), and that we were too overcrowded. The Committe therefore decided that it would be necessary to build a larger house at once. They have acquired a piece of land, and already have a purchaser for the present Refuge, but the Funds are not yet sufficient to warrant their starting to build, although the public has responded very generously to the various appeals made to it.

The Committee urgently needs about Tls. 2,500 more to build a house large enough to accommodate the ever increasing number of slave girls and also waifs and strays which are sent to the Refuge, and hope that the Council will see its way to contributing a special Building Grant.

Yours etc.,

E. M. CAMPBELL,

Honorary Treasurer

Refuge for Chinese Slave Girls.

W. E. LEVESON, Esq.,
Secretary, Municipal Council.

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Council Room,
Shanghai October 29, 1909.

MADAM,—I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of October 26, and, in reply thereto, to state that the Council would not be averse to the inclusion in the Budget for 1910 of a sum of Tls. 2,500, as a special grant towards your Committee's new building scheme. To this end, therefore, I am to request that you may be good enough to afford the Council particulars as to the new site which has been selected, and as to the building which it is proposed to erect thereon, in order that steps may be taken for ensuring permanency for what is believed to be a useful and necessary semi-public institution.

I am, Madam,
Your obedient servant,
W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

MRS. H. E. CAMPBELL,
Honorary Treasurer,
Refuge for Chinese Slave Girls.

Shanghai, November 9, 1909.

DEAR SIR,—I am instructed by the Committee of the Chinese Slave Refuge to thank the Municipal Council for their suggestion to include in the Budget for 1910, the special grant of Tls. 2,500 towards the new building. The site procured is situated off the Brenan Road, its distance from residential parts, and cheapness determined its choice to a great extent.

The plans accompanying this letter were thoughtfully considered by the Committee with a view to the requirements of the slave girls, and carefully compared with institutions of a similar character.

The Committee, therefore, hope they will have a permanent building, suitable in every way for the purpose for which it is to be built.

Kindly return the plans as soon as possible as they are needed by the builders

Yours, etc.,
M. THOMPSON,
Honorary Secretary
Refuge for Chinese Slave Girls.

W. E. LEVESON, Esq.,
Secretary, Municipal Council.

Council Room,
Shanghai, December, 2, 1909.

MADAM,—In reply to your letter of November 9, I am directed to state that the Council approves the proposed site and building as contained in the plans which you forward.

I am to express the hope that your Committee will consent, as a condition attached to the suggested Special and Annual Grants, that the title-deed of the property be registered in the Council's name. This proposal follows the lines of other local charitable institutions in receipt of Municipal Grants, and serves to secure their continuity.

I return, as requested, the building plan of the new Refuge.

I am, Madam,
Your obedient servant,
W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

MRS. M. THOMPSON,
Honorary Secretary,
Refuge for Chinese Slave Girls.

Shanghai, December 10, 1909.

DEAR SIR,—I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 2nd instant and am pleased to hear that the plans of the new Slave Refuge have the approval of the Council.

With reference to the Council's suggestion that as a condition attached to the proposed special and annual grants the title-deed should be registered in the Council's name, I am instructed by my committee to say that this will not be possible, as the land is registered in the names of the Consuls-General for Great Britain and the U.S.A. under a Deed of Trust.

The original site in the Avenue Road was presented to the Refuge by Mr. Poate and it was made a condition that this land, or any other land purchased with the proceeds of sale thereof, should always be registered in the names of the above Consuls-General in their official capacity, to be held on the Trusts of the Trust Deed which was then executed.

My committee have, therefore, no power to alter the existing arrangement; and, as continuity is amply secured by the above mode of registration, they hope the Council will see their way to waive this condition.

Yours etc.,
M. THOMPSON,
Honorary Secretary,
Refuge for Chinese Slave Girls.

W. E. LEVESON, Esq.,
Secretary, Municipal Council.

Council Room,
Shanghai, December 18, 1909.

MADAM,—In reply to your letter of December 10, I am directed to state that the arrangements therein mentioned as to the registration of the site of the new Refuge are wholly satisfactory to the Council, and the condition attached to the proposed Grant, to which reference was made in my letter of December 2, is consequently withdrawn.

I am, Madam,
Your obedient servant,
W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

MRS. M. THOMPSON,
Honorary Secretary,
Refuge for Chinese Slave Girls.

Parks and Open Spaces.

With reference to the minute under this heading published in the Municipal Gazette of February 18 last, the report of the Superintendent on the parks visited by him while on leave has been submitted. In view of the information therein contained, and upon the recommendation of the Parks Committee, the Council directs that the document be printed and issued to the public on application.

Road Extensions and Widenings.

Canton and Kiangse Roads.—The payment to Messrs. Ward, Probst & Co. in respect to the portion of Cadastral Lot 101, required for the improvement of these roads, is authorized in terms of the following correspondence :—

Shanghai, November 19, 1909.

DEAR SIR,—The buildings fronting the Kiangse and Canton Roads on Cad. Lot No. 101 being now completed we are prepared to execute the surrender deed for the land scheduled for widening the above roads at its assessed value plus 10 per cent for compulsory surrender, the area surrendered being Mow 0.372, and we shall be much obliged by your requesting the Engineer's Department to make good the kerb and footpaths to the above road so as to give tenants easy access to their premises.

We are, Dear Sir,
Yours faithfully,
WARD, PROBST, & Co.

W. E. LEVESON, Esq.,
Secretary, Municipal Council.

Council Room,
Shanghai, December 13, 1909.

GENTLEMEN,—I am directed to refer to your letter of November 19 upon the subject of the widening of the Kiangse and Canton Roads ex Cadastral Lot 101.

In reply thereto, I am to state that the Council is prepared to pay compensation in accordance with your claim subject to a deduction of one-third, in recognition of the enhanced value of the property through the widening of the roads to 40 feet.

The application of this principle in a large number of recent cases is within your knowledge, and the Council is confident that you will recognize its justice in the present instance, more especially in view of the class of houses which have been erected.

I am, in conclusion, to point out that the curve at the corner of the roads is of a slightly larger radius than that shown upon the plan forwarded to you in 1906, so that the figures should read Mow 0.376, the sum payable being Tls. 13,787.

I am, Gentlemen,
Your obedient servant,
W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

Messrs. WARD, PROBST & Co.

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Shanghai, December 20, 1909.

DEAR SIR,—We have to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 13th instant re surrender of land ex. Cad. Lot No. 101 for widening the Canton and Kiangse Roads, from which we note the Council is prepared to pay compensation at the assessed value of the land plus 10 per cent for compulsory surrender, but minus one-third for betterment which offer we are prepared to accept as we believe that in this instance the lot has been bettered by the surrender.

We wish, however, to say that our acceptance of the Council's terms must not be taken as a precedent for any future surrenders, but that each case must be judged entirely on its own merits.

We are, Dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

WARD, PROBST & Co.

W. E. LEVESON, Esq.,

Secretary, Municipal Council.

Overseer of Taxes.

As a special case, and in recognition of the late Mr. Johnsford's long and meritorious services, the Council authorizes the erection of a suitable tombstone over his grave in the Pahsienjao Cemetery.

The meeting adjourns at 6.10 p.m.

Notification of Infectious Disease.

The following have been reported during the week ending Sunday, Dec. 19, 1909.	Death among Chinese population of 550,000	Cases notified among Non-Chinese population of 15,000.
Small-pox.	1	0
Cholera.	0	0
Typhoid Fever	—	2
Diphtheria.	1	1
Scarlet Fever.	0	1
Tuberculosis	11	0
Plague	0	0
Total Deaths from all Causes	140	6

ARTHUR STANLEY,
Health Officer.

Public Band.

Public Performances.—

The programme for Sunday next, December 26, at 4.30 p.m. is as follows :—

1.—Overture—"Die Zauberflöte" Mozart
2.—Suite No. 1—"Peer Gynt"...Grieg
(*a*) "Morning Voices"
(*b*) "The Death of Ase"
(*c*) "Anitra's Dance"
(*d*) "In the Hall of the Mountain King"
3.—Hungarian Rhapsody, No. 2.. Liszt

4.—Funeral March.....Mendelssohn
In memory of His Late Majesty, Leopold II, King of the Belgians.
5.—(*a*) "Ave Maria" ...Bach-Gounod
(*b*) "Noel" .....Block.
6.—Symphonic Poem "Ultava" Smetana
7.—Suite....."Carmen".....Bizet.
(*a*) Prelude and Arragonaise.
(*b*) Intermezzo (Act III).
(*c*) Toreador's Song.
(*d*) Bohemian Dance.

Conductor-in-Charge, Mr. R. BUCK.

The attendance at the Sunday performances has been as follows :—

December,	5,	656
,,	12,	951
,,	19,	907

Private Services.—The charge for the services of the Band is Tls. 40, and of a Half-Band, consisting of not less than 3 European and 12 Manila musicians, Tls. 25 per hour or part of an hour.

The services of a smaller number of musicians may be engaged at the rate of Tls. 3 per hour for European, and Tls. 1.50 per hour for Manila musicians.

One rehearsal is permitted without fee, all subsequent rehearsals are charged for at half of the above rates.

For the services of a soloist an additional fee of Tls. 25 is charged, inclusive of such rehearsals as are necessary.

If special music is required special arrangements must be made.

Engagements for more than three performances during a season are subject to a reduction of 20 per cent, for more than twelve performances 40 per cent.

For Sunday performances or services involving marching through the streets double rates are charged.

24 hours' notice is required for the cancellation of any engagement.

The cost of conveyance of musicians for distances beyond a radius of 1 mile. from the Municipal offices, Kiangse Road, must be defrayed by the persons engaging them.

The European musicians are allowed to give private music lessons, with the Conductor's permission obtained in each case.

Report of Captain-Superintendent of Police for November.

Strength of the Force on November 30, 1909.

Officers	8
Foreigners	226
Sikhs	460
Chinese	972
Clerical and Teaching Staff ...	47
Supernumeraries ...	110
Total ...	1,823

Fires.—There is again an increase in the number of reported fires during November, but more than two-thirds of the number can scarcely be classified as fires at all. A large proportion consisted merely of the setting alight of a little straw or shavings, and have generally been put out by the inmates themselves or by the Police. This serves to show that the native population is being educated up to greater promptitude in dealing with incipient outbreaks.

Of the 25 fires reported, only one was extinguished by the Fire Brigade, the remainder by the Police and inmates.

In the case of 17 of the 25 fires reported the contents of the premises were not insured. In November 1908, there were 24 fires, in November 1907, 14 fires.

Crime.—During November serious crime was conspicuous by its absence. Some burglaries occurred, but the total cases are a decrease on last year's figures. That they have been kept under was chiefly due to the employment of plain clothes constables.

One of the main sources of supply in the matter of minor criminals is the beggar boys, some of whom were caught in the act of stealing grates, brass-piping and brasswork from empty foreign houses, thereby putting the landlords to considerable expense in replacing such things.

Beggars.—Complaints have been received from various sources of the number of beggars seen in certain parts of the town. The following figures are quoted in order to show the difficulty of dealing with this particular question:—

Return of beggars arrested in each Police District during November, 1909.

Central	581	Harbin Road	193
Hongkew ...	194	Louza.....	540
W. Hongkew	140	Sinza	300
Wayside ...	43	Gordon Road	nil
Yangtszepoo	nil	Bubbling Well	16

It should be stated that the same cases often occur day after day, so that the figures do not necesarily represent fresh beggars.

Attention is once more directed to the ever increasing number of filthy beggar huts which are allowed to congregate immediately North of the Markham Road Bridge on the Chapei side, also

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on the very fringe of the Settlement close to the new Dixwell Road Extension. A visit of inspection to either of these districts will show that the number of huts has increased since last year, as well as what an insanitary and dangerous rendezvous for criminal classes is openly suffered by the Chinese Police to remain in close proximity to this Settlement.

Foreign Training School at the Gordon Road Station.

The opening of the above school took place in the presence of the Chairman of the Council and Members of the Watch Committee on the 15th ultimo.

The necessity for such a training school for foreign recruits has long been felt and is universally considered a necessary addition to every modern police force. The duties of a policeman in Shanghai are annually becoming more exacting, and it is only by the steady and systematic training of recruits upon first joining the Force that these manifold duties can be properly learned.

Everything that a policeman should know is included in the three months' course, and it is hoped that the foundation of this training school will in the future add in a marked degree to the efficiency of the Force.

It may be of interest to give the present daily routine:—

7.00 to 8.00 a.m.	Physical Drill.
8.35 to 9.45 a.m.	Instruction class (Police Duties).
10.00 to 11.00 a.m.	Instruction class (Police Duties)
11.15 a.m. to 12.15 p.m.	Study of Chinese.
1.30 to 2.30 p.m.	Musketry and Physical Drill.
2.45 to 3.45 p.m.	Instruction class.
4.00 to 5.00 p.m.	do.

The following subjects form part of the curriculum:—

English Composition	Land Regulations.
Geography	Police Duties and evidence in Courts of Law.
Arithmetic	
Municipal Bye-Laws	Municipal Regulations
Knowledge of Foreign Consuls and Courts.	Traffic
	Police District Boundaries,
British Criminal Law	Geography of Shanghai
Fires	Sanitation and Hygiene
Detective Work	Musketry and Physical Drill
Medical First Aid	
Study of Chinese	

The men will also attend for personal experience under the Sub-Inspector at:—

Mixed Courts	British Court
Foreign Courts	Fires
Police Charge Rooms (of larger Stations).	

Inspection of the new Training School is invited. Ratepayers who wish to be shown over should communicate with Sub-Inspector Vaughan, Gordon Road Police Station.

Lekin.—The latest attempt to strangle trade within Settlement limits was made by the Chinese authorities at Jessfield village on the 25th November. Upon this date two boats containing wine were held up in the Soochow Creek and prevented from proceeding into the Settlement. They were forcibly taken to a large lekin boat on the North bank of the Soochow Creek and there detained upon the owners refusing to pay a landing tax to the Chinese authorities. The present station is said to be under the jurisdiction of a chief revenue official at Nantao. From all appearances the establishment at Jessfield was not a mere temporary affair, but was evidently appointed by some high authority and intended to be on a permanent basis.

Temple of Heaven, North Honan Road.—A report has been received that the interior of this temple has again become the resort of loafers and criminals of the lowest class. Since the withdrawal of the Municipal Police from the temple yard the latter has become a well-known resort for bad characters of all kinds. The temple yard is also a notorious spot where public gambling is carried on, and apparently no steps whatever are taken to rid this temple of its horde of bad characters. The presence of such a place right in the West Hongkew District, and almost bordering on the Soochow Creek, is a serious handicap to the Police in their efforts to free the Settlement from criminal classes.

Return of Convict Labour for November, 1909.

	Tls.
Net value of work performed for the P.W.D.	704.44
Less—Sandals and repairs to carts.....	109.16
Total for labour...Tls.	595.98
Work completed in addition to that for P.W.D.	3,058.48
Less—Cost of raw material.	1,854.22
Total for labour...Tls.	1,204.26
Grand total for labour...Tls.	1,799.54

A direct entrance to the offices of the following is now open in the Honan Road:—

Captain-Superintendent,
Deputy-Superintendent,
Chief-Inspector.

For anyone wishing to interview the Captain-Superintendent of Police this is the most convenient entrance. The offices referred to are situated on the top floor.

Here follow tables of persons coming under the notice of the Police for criminal and other offences, punishments inflicted, prisoners in custody, vehicles licenses suspended and confiscated, dogs captured, etc., value of property stolen and recovered, and warrants and summonses.

C. D. Bruce,
Captain-Superintendent of Police.

PRISONERS IN CUSTODY.
on November 30, 1909.

Central Station	43
Louza Station	49
Hongkew Station	35
West Hongkew Station	31
Harbin Road Sub-Station	13
Wayside Station	21
Gaol	767
Yangtszepoo Station	6
Sinza Station	32
Bubbling Well Station	17
Total	1,014

VEHICLE LICENSES.

	Suspended	Confiscated
Ricsha	1,203	2,191
Wheelbarrow	5	nil
Handcart	nil	nil
Total	1,208	2,191

VALUE OF PROPERTY STOLEN BETWEEN
October 30 and November 26, 1909.

	Dollars
Stolen	28,754.54
Recovered	10,935.05

WARRANTS AND SUMMONSES.

	Issued	Executed or Served
Warrants	52	19
Summonses	193	154

DOGS.

At Kennels Oct. 31, 09	16	183
Captured	167	
Returned	22	183
Killed	148	
Remaining at Kennels	13	

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RETURN OF PERSONS COMING UNDER THE NOTICE OF POLICE FOR CRIMINAL AND OTHER OFFENCES.

Offences.	Foreigers.	Natives.	Total
Murder and attempted suicide		5	5
Rape, cutting and wounding, causing bodily harm and assault	3	60	63
Kidnapping, cruelty and trafficking		30	30
Libel		1	1
Adultery		4	4
False accusation, intimidation and bribery		11	11
Perjury		4	4
Embezzlement and extortion		16	16
Burglary, housebreaking and larceny	2	316	320
Fraud and obtaining goods or money by false pretences	1	10	11
Receiving stolen property and unlawful possession		34	34
Uttering		4	4
Malicious injury		8	8
Debt, breach of contract and trespass, etc		70	70
Common nuisances and vagrancy	4	1,615	1,619
Returning after expulsion		27	27
Improper conduct and soliciting prostitution	17	252	269
Depositing garbage		47	47
Traffic :—Furious driving and obstruction		1,578	1,578
Cruelty to animals		7	7
Harbouring and aiding criminals		2	2
Public gambling		45	45
Illegal arrest or detention		5	6
Insanitary premises	1	28	28
Dangerous characters and loiterers with felonious intent	1	37	38
Conducting a lottery and selling tickets		3	3
Arms, unlawful carrying and discharging	2	5	7
Miscellaneous	1	31	32
Breach or evasion of various licenses	9	29	38
Beggars, Hawkers, Ragpickers		2678	2678
Others	40	469	509
Total	81	7,433	7,514

RETURN OF SENTENCES.

Sentence.	Foreigners	Natives	Total
Imprisonment	3	408	411
Cangue		5	5
Expulsion or deportation	2	5	7
Fined	22	311	333
Imprisonment and blows			
" " cangue		6	6
" " expulsion		67	67
" " cangue and expulsion		3	3
Bail forfeited		3,166	3,166
Remanded	3		3
Cautioned		20	20
Dismissed	3	79	82
Released on Security		42	42
Left to Court		59	59
Handed to parents or guardians		6	6
Sent to Reformatory		6	6
" Slave Girls' Refuge		2	2
" Sinza Refuge		80	80
" Door of Hope		1	1
" Native Authorities		7	7
Sent to French Mixed Court		3	3
Detained at Mixed Court		3	3
To be punished by parents at Mixed Court		3	3
To complete work within a certain time		2	2
Appeared (witnesses)		2	2
Bound over to keep the peace for one year and to come up for Judgement if called upon	1		1
Cautioned and put on board ship	1		1
Failed to appear in Court, Warrant issued	2		2
Sent on board ship for punishment	1		1
Ordered to leave Shanghai	3		3
Total	41	4,286	4,327

Municipal Publications.

Land Regulations and Bye-laws for the Foreign Settlement of Shanghai, North of the Yangkingpang	1907.	$1.00
Handbook of Local Regulations. Containing conditions, security and fees attached to the issue of licences; Municipal Regulations and other information	1909.	1.50
Annual Reports and Financial Statements for the following years, with the Budget for the year ensuing.	1896-1908. each	2.00
Reports of Ratepayers' Meetings	1878-1909. each	0.10
Foreign House Assessment Schedule	1909.	1.00
Land Assessment Schedules. Containing the consular and cadastral numbers of lots, registered owners, areas and values, with plans. In four parts, one to each district	1907. each	1.50
Rules with respect to New Foreign Buildings	1909.	0.50
Rules with respect to New Chinese Buildings	1901.	0.25
Report of Police Enquiry Committee	1907.	1.00
Public School Prospectus	1908.	0.50
Public School Syllabus of Work	1908.	0.50
Public School for Chinese Prospectus	1908.	0.50

Plans accompanying Land Assessment Schedules	1907. each	$1.00
Plan of Shanghai. Shewing Foreign and French Settlements, and surrounding districts. Size 4' 4" x 2' 3". Scale 1,000 feet	1908.	5.00
Plan of the Country North of Foreign Settlement of Shanghai. Shewing existing roads and consular lots. Size 9' 0" x 4' 10". Scale 200 feet	1907.	
In sectional sheets, unmounted		16.00
Unmounted		20.00
Mounted on linen		27.00
Mounted on linen on rollers		33.50

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Public Band.

Public Performances.—

The attendance on Sunday, December 26, numbered 1,011, and the Hall was emptied in 5 minutes.

The programme for Sunday next, January 2, at 4.30 p.m. is as follows:—

1.—Overture "Iphigenia in Aulis" Gluck

2.—Symphony No. 2, in D major (three movements)... Beethoven

3.—Overture "Hänsel and Gretel" Humperdinck

4.—Variations on a Theme Elgar

5.—Rakoczy March ("Faust") Berlioz.

Conductor-in-Charge, Mr. R. Buck.

Health Officer's Report for November.

During November there has been an increase in the number of cases of Typhoid fever, which is usual in the dry weather of early winter; a reappearance of Scarlet fever and Diphtheria; an increase in the number of plague-infected rats; and a conspicuous absence of Small-pox.

Typhoid fever is avoided by eating and drinking nothing that has not been recently cooked or otherwise sterilised. The word sterilised is used in its broadest technical sense—to render free from disease germs. This may be accomplished by cooking; by boiling (milk); by filtering through a Berkefeld filter (water); or by using food, such as canned goods and bottled beverages of good reputation, which are practically sterile when purchased. The eating of raw salads, such as celery, or uncooked oysters is dangerous. Fresh fruit can be easily and effectively sterilised, without spoiling its flavour, by immersion for a few seconds in boiling water. The cause of Typhoid fever is practically always taken into the body by infected food, and the foods most commonly infected are vegetables, by reason of the manner in which they are grown. Especial stress should be laid on the fact that vegetables are frequently the source of infection in Typhoid fever, Cholera, Dysentery and other forms of diarrhœa and particular care should be given to their thorough cooking, and separation, before cooking, from the rest of the food. Householders should see that the arrangements for the service of food are in accordance with the Public Health Notice, which can be obtained, on application, from the Health Officer.

When Scarlet fever and Diphtheria are prevalent parents should be specially careful that their children do not mix more than is necessary with other children, as these diseases are almost invariably contracted by close contact with a child bearing the infection and not, as is so often thought, from bad drains and allied insanitary conditions.

After a period of almost complete immunity plague among rats reappeared, the incidence being mainly in the Central District where 14 plague-infected rats were discovered during the month and particularly on its 3rd sanitary sub-district, a district bounded by Nanking Road, Honan Road, the Yangkingpang and the Defence Creek. As the incidence is mainly limited to this district the recrudescence is not explained by assuming that plague among rats is endemic in Shanghai and the present a seasonal incidence; but appears rather to have some relation to shops importing goods from Kobe, Osaka, Formosa and particularly to shops importing dried foodstuffs from Canton. In order to meet this latent, though none the less real, danger which plague-infected rats furnish, measures of rat destruction and temporary rat-proofing, hitherto general, have been concentrated on the infected foci, with a result that the number of rats trapped and burnt during the month, 13,784, exceeds that in any preceding month, while close upon half a million poisoned baits have been laid.

Small-pox has been conspicuous by its almost complete absence, a condition which points to the value of previous good vaccination. No cases have been notified among the foreign community, while two deaths only have occurred among the Chinese population of upwards of half a million.

Three courses of lectures under the auspices of the St. John Ambulance Association are being organized, namely, in Hygiene, Home Nursing and First Aid. The lectures in Hygiene will be given by Dr. Moore in the Hall of the Royal Asiatic Society, 5 Museum Road, on Wednesdays at 5.30 p.m., commencing on January 5. The lectures in Home Nursing and First Aid will be given shortly. Examinations for the certificates of the St. John Ambulance Association will be held at the end of each course. The fee for each course will be $5 which will include the authorized text-book on the subject lectured upon and any bandage and other apparatus necessary. Names may be sent to, and further information obtained from, the Health Officer.

Here follow tables of Vital Statistics, Infectious Disease and outdoor Sanitary work, including a special summary of Plague Prevention work; work done in the Municipal Laboratory, Municipal Hospitals and Slaughter-house.

Arthur Stanley,
Health Officer.

DEATHS.

	Foreign. Resident.	Foreign. Non-Resident.	Native.
Small-pox	0	0	2
Cholera	0	0	0
Typhoid Fever	1	2	—
Diphtheria	0	0	5
Scarlet Fever	0	0	0
Tuberculosis	5	1	61
From all causes	17	9	639

INFECTIOUS DISEASE NOTIFIED AMONG FOREIGN RESIDENT POPULATION.

Small-pox	0
Cholera	0
Typhoid Fever	7
Diphtheria	1
Scarlet Fever	1
Tuberculosis	0

MUNICIPAL LABORATORY.

Small-pox vaccine issued	840 tubes
Vaccinations	601
Diphtheria Antitoxin issued	58 bottles
Cases undergoing anti-rabic treatment	4
Bacteriological examinations	55
Analyses	65

VICTORIA NURSING HOME.

Cases admitted	27
Discharged	26
Died	0
Remaining last day of month	23
Nursed outside the Home	8
Daily visits	0
Nursing pre-engagements	2

ISOLATION HOSPITALS

		Foreign.	Native.
Cases Admitted	Small-pox	0	0
	Cholera	0	0
	Typhoid Fever	0	1
	Diphtheria	0	0
	Scarlet Fever	0	0
	Other Diseases	1	33
Discharged		2	53
Died		0	2
Remaining last day of month		0	43

SLAUGHTER-HOUSE RETURNS.

	Slaughtered.	Rejected at Slaughter-house.	Passed for Slaughter from Cattle-sheds.	Passed for Export from Cattle-sheds.	Rejected at Cattle-sheds.
Oxen	1549	1	1549	5	0
Sheep	2629	1	2629	24	4
Calves	391	0	391	0	0
Pigs	356	1	0	0	0

REPORT ON ANALYSIS OF WATER.

Sample received November 29, 1909.
Report sent out December 9, 1909.
Sample of Shanghai Waterworks Co.'s Water.

Physical Characters.—Yellowish green colour with moderate opacity. Faintly alkaline reaction. Good aeration.

Solid Matter in Solution	11.2
a.—Volatile	5.2
b.—Fixed	6.0
Appearance on Ignition	Slight charring
Total Hardness	8.0
a.—Temporary	4.0
b.—Permanent	4.0
Chlorine	1.75
Nitrogen as Nitrates	0.0516
Saline Ammonia	0.0023
Albuminoid Ammonia	0.0145
Poisonous Metals	Nil
Nitrites	Nil
Phosphates	Nil
Sulphates	Traces.

Bacteriological Examination.—Gelatine plates at 23° C. yielded an average of 25 micro-organisms per c.c.

Agar plates at blood heat showed an average of 6.

Organisms of the coli group were present in quantities of 0.5 c.c and over.

Report on Analysis.—A sample of water of high degree of chemical and biological purity.

SUMMARY OF PLAGUE PREVENTION WORK

	District				Tota
	Eastern	Northern	Central	Western	
Rats found dead and brought to the Laboratory for examination	270	332	391	143	1136
Rats plague infected	2	4	14	0	20
No. of traps in operation	2200	2400	1500	400	6500
No. of rats trapped and burnt	4231	6472	1767	1414	13784
Poisoned baits laid	14480	91490	364000	572	475690
Houses temporarily rat-proofed and disinfected under notice to occupier	641	174	1001	0	1816
Houses rat-proofed under notice to owner	0	0	0	0	0
Persons vaccinated against plague	0	0	0	0	0

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MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION.

No. 1993.

LECTURES ON HYGIENE, HOME NURSING AND FIRST AID.

COURSES of lectures in accordance with the syllabus of the St. John Ambulance Association will be given during the ensuing winter in HYGIENE, HOME NURSING AND FIRST AID.

The fees for each course of lectures will be $5, which will include bandages and other apparatus, together with a copy of the authorised text book of the subject lectured upon.

At the conclusion of each course an examination will be held for the certificates and medallions awarded by the St. John Ambulance Association.

As ladies attending the lectures in Home Nursing should have previously attended a course in First Aid, a special Course of lectures in First Aid will be given provided a sufficient number of names are sent in to the Health Officer.

By order,
W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

Council Room,
Shanghai, December 2, 1909.

MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION.

No. 1985

LOAN of 1901.

NOTICE is hereby given that the following debentures of the above loan will be paid on presentation, properly endorsed by the registered owner, at the Municipal Offices on and after December 31, 1909, and interest will cease from that date.

Debentures of Tls. 1,000.

8085-90	8157	8219-20
8093-7	8159-60	8222-30
8101-2	8163	8232-3
8104-6	8166	8237
8109	8168	8241
8112-7	8172-3	8243-5
8119	8175-8	8247-51
8121-3	8180-2	8254-5
8125	8186-9	8259
8127	8191	8261-2
8129-35	8193-5	8264-6
8139-41	8197-204	8271
8148-51	8206-8	8275-7
8153	8212-5	
8155	8217	

Debentures of Tls. 100.

8257	8298	8322-9
8279	8303	8332-3
8285	8305	8335
8287-8	8308	8338-41
8290-1	8312	8344
8293	8314-6	8348-50
8295-6	8318-20	

By order,
W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

Council Room,
Shanghai, September 22, 1909.

AT the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, December 22, 1909, at 4.30 p.m., there are present:

Messrs. D. Landale (*Chairman*)
H. De Gray
F. C. Heffer
W. D. Little
H. A. J. Macray
O. Meuser
W. A. C. Platt
J. Prentice
T. E. Trueman
The Secretary and
Assistant Secretary.

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

The minutes of the last meeting are read, confirmed, signed by the Chairman and passed for publication.

Death of the King of the Belgians.

In reply to a letter from the Consul-General for Belgium informing the Council of the death of H.M. Leopold II, King of the Belgians, an expression of deep regret has been forwarded in the name of the Council and of the Community.

Settlement Extension.

A letter from the Senior Consul is read, forwarding the reply of the Viceroy to the proposal that a deputation of the Consular Body visit him in Nanking for the discussion of the question:—

Shanghai, December 16, 1909.

SIR,—With reference to my letter of November 12, I have the honour to enclose for your information copy and translation of a reply received from the Nanking Governor General through the Shanghai Taotai as to the proposed interview with the former on the subject of Settlement extension.

This reply, I regret to say, does not meet our wishes and we had no alternative but to refer the matter to the Ministers at Peking.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,
D. SIFFERT,
Consul-General for Belgium, and Senior Consul.

D. LANDALE, Esq.,
Chairman, Municipal Council.

Translation of letter from Taotai Tsai Nai Huang to the Senior Consul dated November 30, 1909.

The Taotai has to state that he is just in receipt of a dispatch from the Southern Commissioner of Trade, Chang, as follows:—

'A communication has been 'received from the Senior Consul 'to the following effect, upon receiving your letter on September 7 on 'the subject of the Extension of 'the Settlement, and having taken 'note of its contents, the Consular 'Body proposes to depute several of 'its members for a personal interview 'with your Excellency, for the 'examination and consideration of 'this matter. A special dispatch is 'accordingly written inquiring as to 'your willingness to receive this 'deputation, and at what time it may 'come. It is hoped that information 'will be given upon these points.'

"It is to be observed that the "question of Settlement Extension "has several times been objected to and "opposed by the Board of Foreign "Affairs and the former Viceroy, Tuan, "and this is on record. Since it is "quite out of the question to take "action in this matter accordingly, it "assuredly need not be discussed again. "If the Consular Body must maintain "its wish to send a deputation, the "Commissioner of Trade should "certainly receive it with courtesy, but "then it were best that the matter of "Settlement extension be not alluded to; "and if indeed this question is in fact "raised, the Commissioner of Trade can "certainly on no principle compromise "and consent thereto. The Taotai is "directed to reply accordingly to the "Senior Consul in order that he may "take note."

The Taotai has therefore duly to address this dispatch to the Senior Consul requesting him to be good enough to observe and take the necessary action.

Consular Body.

A letter from Mr. P. Von Buri, Consul-General for Germany, informs the Council that he has resumed charge of the Consulate-General with effect from December 20.

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